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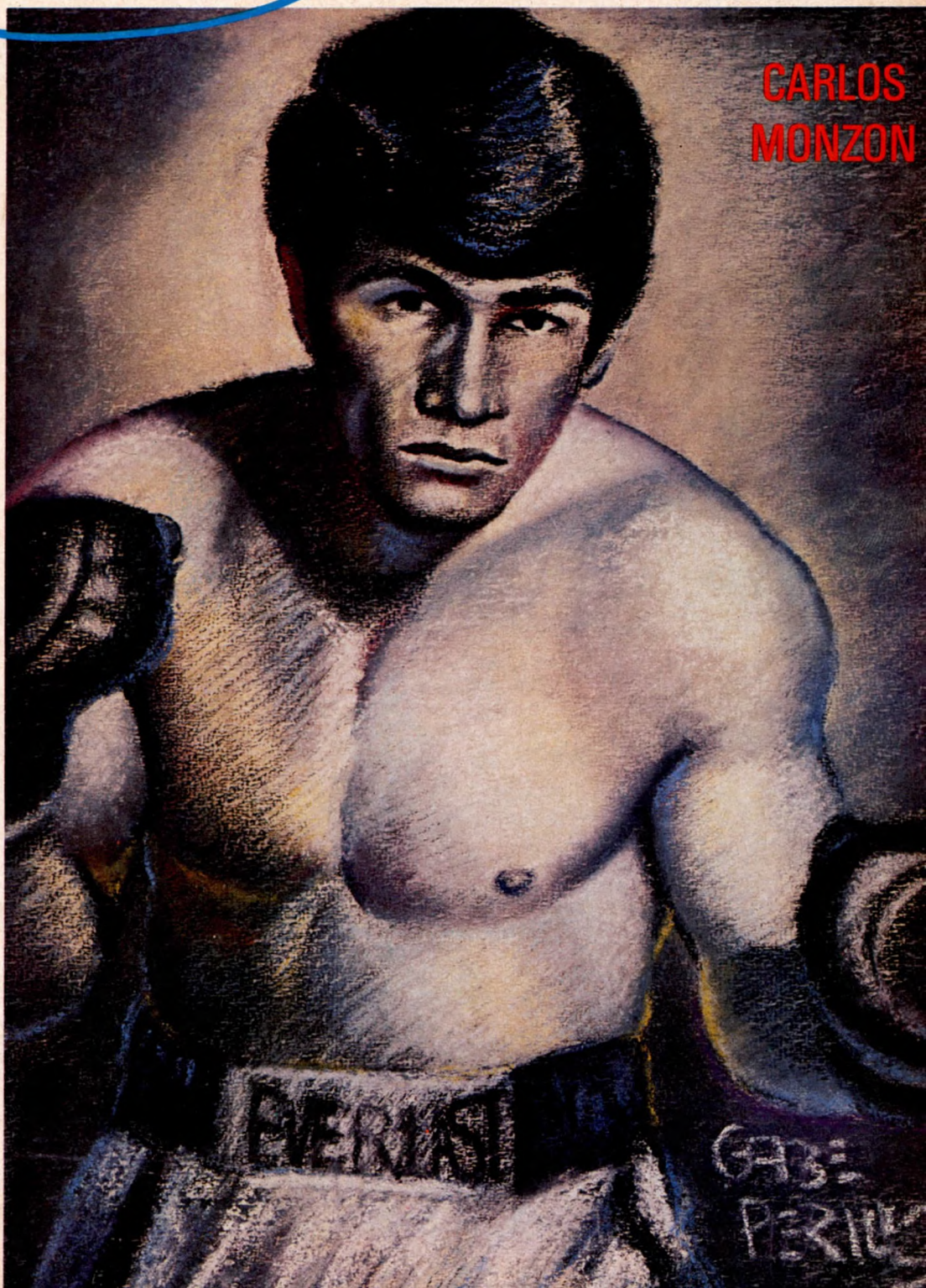

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AS I SEE IT

AN EDITORIAL

by BY NAT LOUBET,

EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

DESPITE the many problems and dilemmas faced by boxing over the years, the sport seems to thrive. Unbelievable treatment is meted out to the fans by those who are supposed to have the best interests of boxing at heart.

There is but one champion at this point who can consider himself the universally recognized king of his division. That man is Muhammad Ali, king of the heavyweights.

Back in June of 1976 Carlos Monzon, at that time the WBA champion, defeated the WBC champ Rodrigo Valdes to gain universal recognition as the middleweight champion of the world. The Ring had been recognizing Monzon for some time previous to this.

Recently Monzon again defeated Valdes to retain his crown, and it appeared that one more championship was settled. It was hoped that the WBA and WBC would bury the hatchet for the good of boxing and we could get one champion in each division whom we could all recognize.

However, Monzon has come out with a statement that he is retiring from the ring to devote himself to a career as a thespian. On the basis of past retirement statements made by champions I would not bet that Carlos will remain retired. Most such declarations are later changed when the retired champ finds his purse is a little low or his pride disturbed by no longer being king of the roost. Regardless of why champs come back after bidding adieu to the ring wars, comeback they do, and don't be surprised if Carlos also shortly makes a new entrance between the ropes.

In the meantime his retirement adds another muddle to the growing number of divisions with split title claimants. The middleweights are likely to find themselves with more title claimants than any of the other weight divisions.

Monzon's retirement evidently caught the WBA off guard and, at this writing, they have not announced who will get their blessing as the new champion, or if the new champ must come out of a tournament or a single contest. We will, I am sure, be shortly hearing from the WBA on the current vacant title.

Now what about the WBC? They have come out and stated that Rodrigo Valdes and Bennie Briscoe, both in the top ten ratings, will meet and the winner be declared by them as the new middleweight champion of the world. You will notice that no tournament is mentioned, but a single fight with the winner the new champion. Cleancut, nice and simple with no one but the WBC recognizing the new champion. And so, we add to the middleweight muddle and boxing's woes.

Would that it were as simple as just the WBA and the WBC each having their own champions. But now there are others who are coming into the picture.

At a recent Madison Square Garden press luncheon, Teddy Brenner, head of the Garden's boxing department, flayed the WBC and declared that New York should unalaterally have a contest to decide who would be the next middleweight champion of the world, New York style. As of this writing the New York State Boxing Commission is considering the proposal and the fight which is proposed by Brenner to settle the middleweight situation. His nomination for the fight out of which would come a new champion is the matching of Ronnie Harris and Vito Antuofermo. Of course New York may have to hold up on its decision pending the reported meeting of Antuofermo and an unrated Mike Nixon. Should Nixon manage to beat Vito, not likely, the applecart would be overturned and the Garden would have to come up with another fight to achieve its aim, namely to control the middleweight title. . . .New York version. This presumes that the New York Commission goes along with Brenner's suggestion.

But this is not the end of the quest for ownership of the middleweight title. A newly formed group is considering putting up David Love and Mike Colbert in a fight that would be for the middleweight title. Who would recognize this one? I can't imagine.

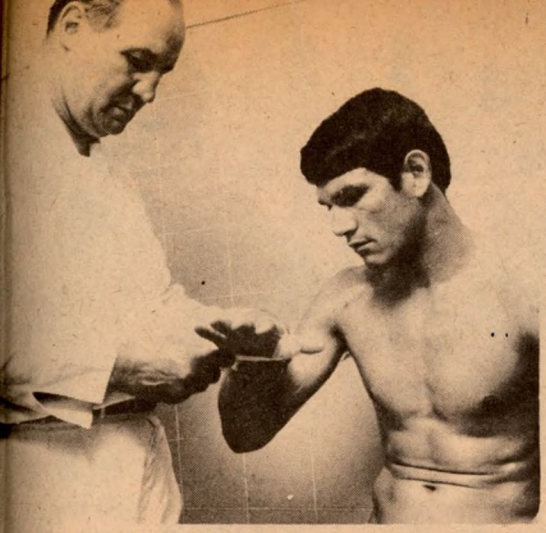
I can't help but feel sorry for the fans who are entitled to a better shake for their money.

We have been plugging for years for a National Boxing Commission to stop this power struggle and manipulation of titles. It seems like beating a dead horse, but we are still in there fighting for the Federal Commission.

Apparently the thought has yet to enter anyone's mind to open up a legitimate tournament of all the rated middleweights with the winner becoming a universal champion. No, and it never will unless a federal commission is formed to breathe new life into boxing. It appears those who could do the most toward a meeting of the minds and a solution of problems in boxing are too damned interested in their own power and personal interests to make a major effort to strai_hten out the mess.

WORLD MIDDLE KING, CARLOS MONZON, RETIRES

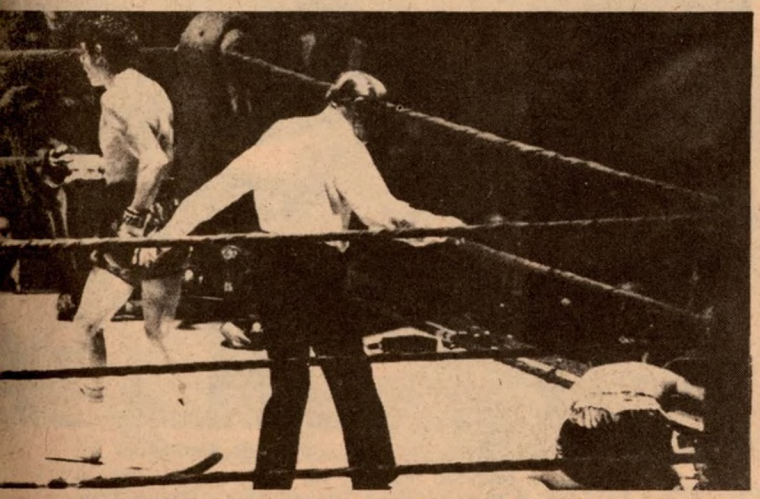
AFTER OVER A SIX YEAR'S REIGN AS WORLD CHAMPION, MONZON HAS DECIDED TO LEAVE BOXING TO DEVOTE HIS TIME TO MOVIE ACTING.



Manager-trainer Amilca Brusa tapes Carlos Monzon's hand before a training session. Monzon's first pro fight, which took place on February 6, 1963, against Ramon Montenegro in Rafaela, resulted in a KO in two for the future champion.

The world middleweight title belt is clasped around Monzon's waist after a successful defense against Emile Griffith in September 1971. Griffith is immediately behind Monzon to his left. Gil Clancy is behind and to Monzon's right, Italy's Nino Benvenuti, the man from whom Monzon won the middleweight title, stands to the far right in the rear, and then world Jr. welter king Nicolino Loche stands to Griffith's left.

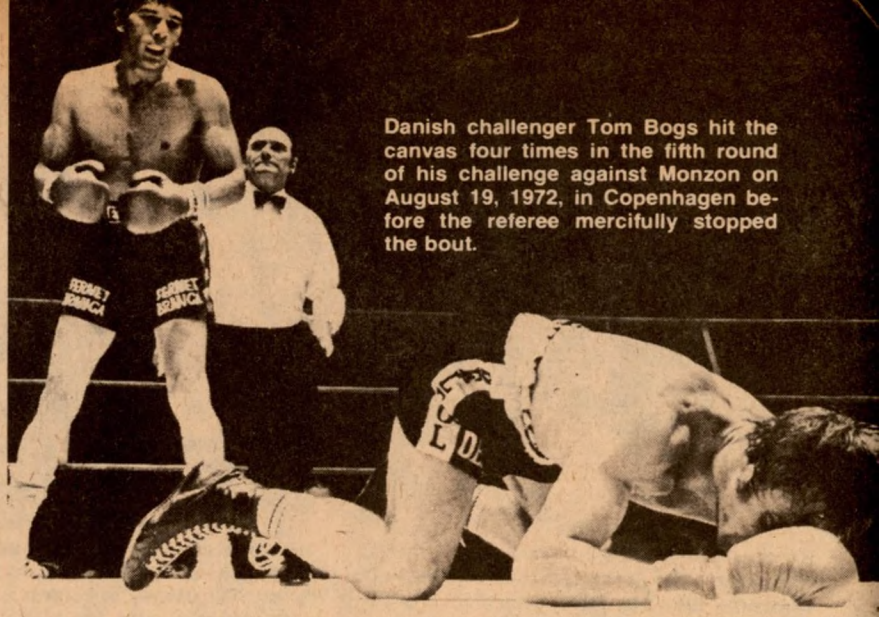
(Above) Heavyweight Oscar Bonavena, left, toasts the new world middleweight king, Carlos Monzon. (Right) In his last fight before winning the world crown, Monzon, right, KO'd Candy Rosa, left, on September 19, 1970, in Buenos Aires in the fourth round.



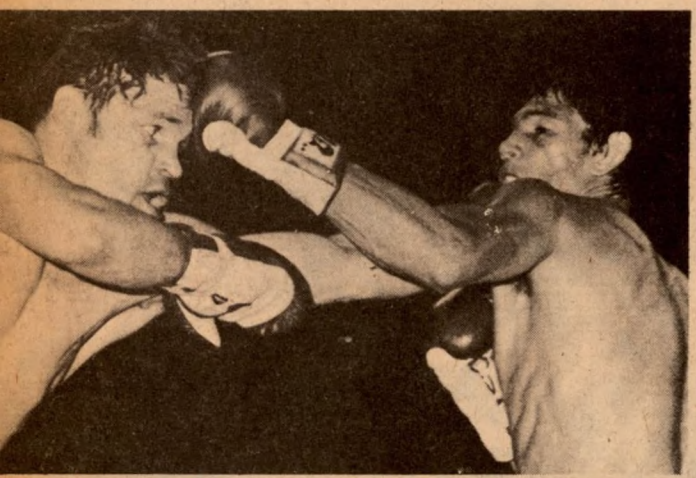
Carlos Monzon becomes the new world middleweight champ as Nino Benvenuti is counted out in round twelve of the November 7, 1970, title-bout in Rome. At the time it was thought that Nino's love of the good life was his undoing.

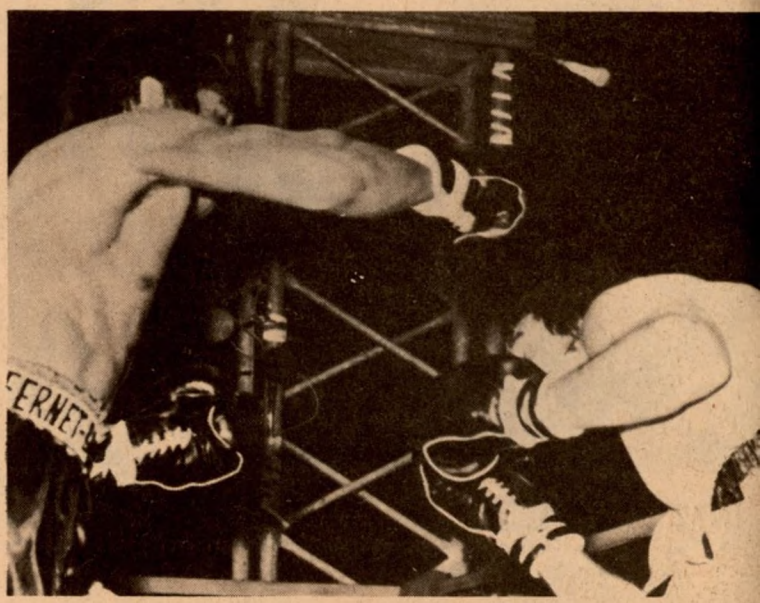
In the first of two title defenses against former champ Emile Griffith, Monzon follows through on a hard right to the head of his challenger. Monzon KO'd Griffith in 14 on September 25, 1971, and took a 15 round nod on June 2, 1973.

On May 9, 1971, Benvenuti got his chance to regain the title, but after being knocked down for the second time in the third round of the Monte Carlo fight his manager tossed in the towel.

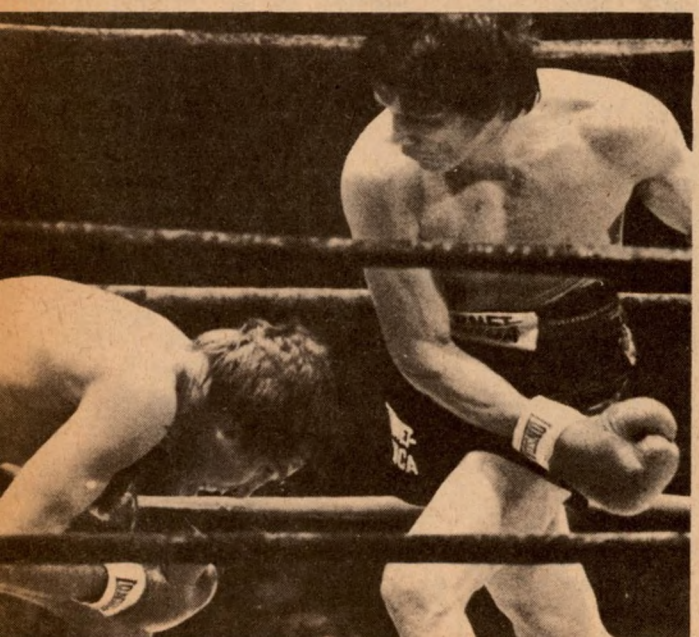


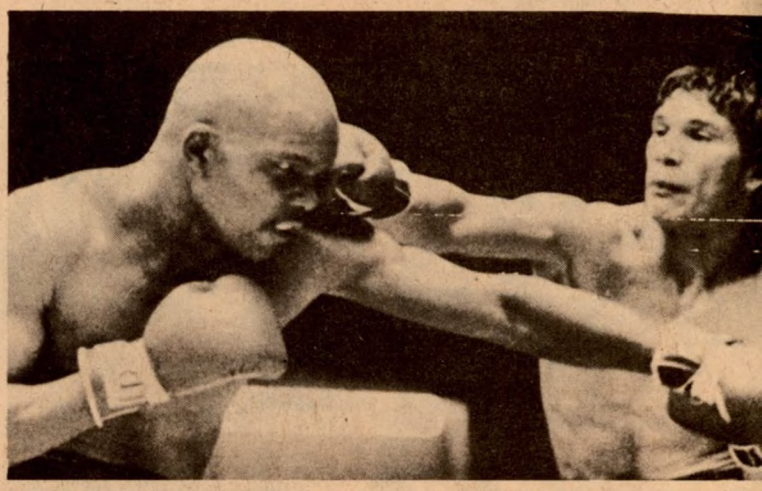
Danish challenger Tom Bogs hit the canvas four times in the fifth round of his challenge against Monzon on August 19, 1972, in Copenhagen before the referee mercifully stopped the bout.



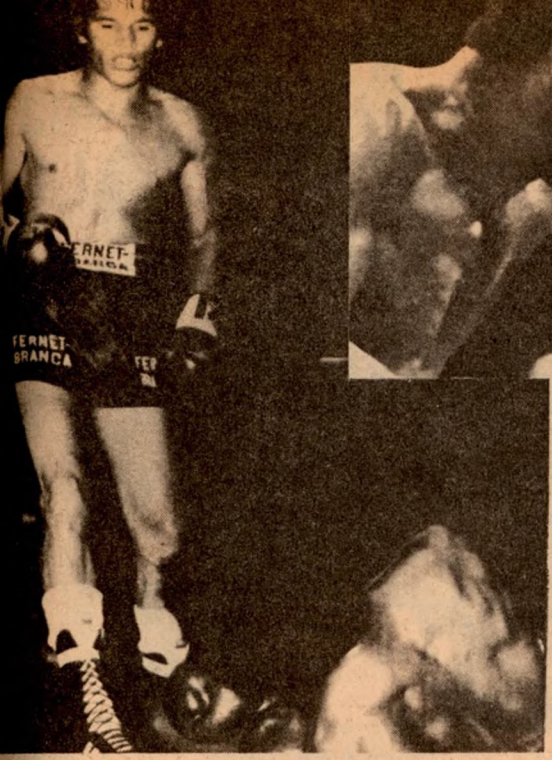


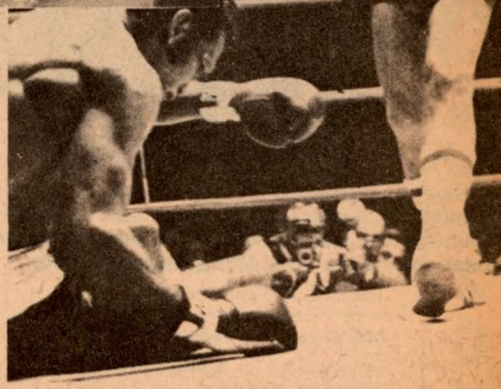
Monzon scored two more KO's in defense of his title against American Denny Moyer (above left) and Frenchman Jean-Claude Bouttier (right photo, right) in 1972. Carlos took out Moyer in five, in Rome, and Bouttier in 12, in Paris.



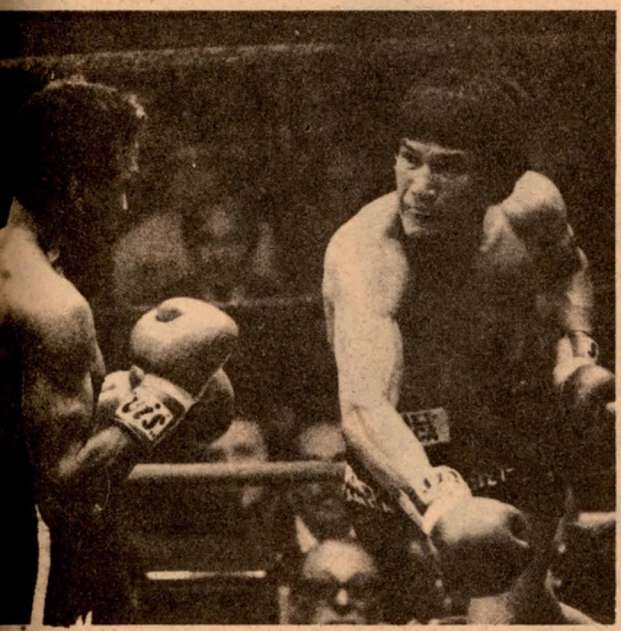


Bouttier, seen ducking (left), got a rematch on September 29, 1973, but the champ retained his title via decision. (Above) On November 11, 1972, in Buenos Aires, Philadelphia's Bennie Briscoe tried his luck against Monzon, and did go the distance although Carlos took the decision.



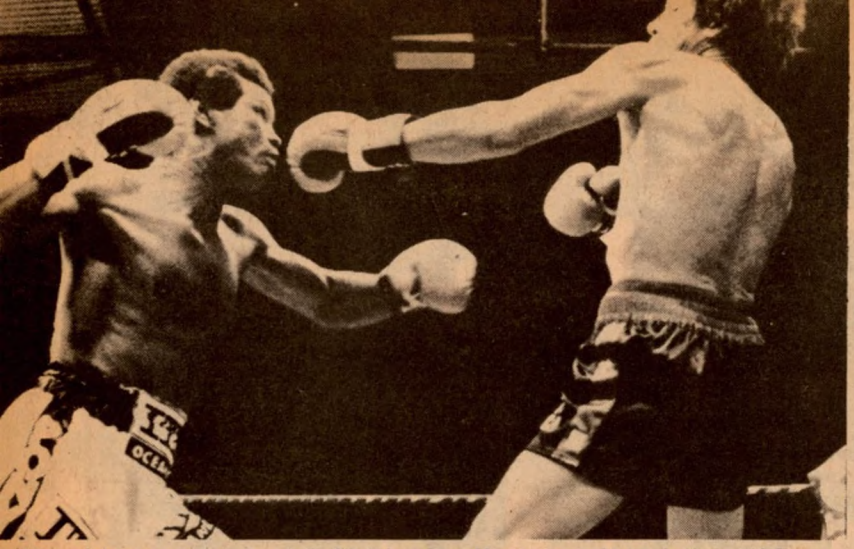


(Above) Emile Griffith, left, did last the full 15 rounds in his second title shot against Monzon in 1973, but couldn't wrest the title from the Argentinean, while challengers Roy Dale of the U.S. (left on the deck) and Tony Mundine of Australia (right on the deck) were dispatched in the fifth and seventh rounds, respectively.



(Left) Welterweight king Jose Napoles, left, Mexico, tried to annex Monzon's middleweight title on February 9, 1974, in Paris, but was KO'd in seven. (Above) June 30, 1975, brought a challenge from Tony Licata, left, in New York. Monzon retained his crown with a 10th round KO.

(Above) WBA champ Carlos Monzon, right, and WBC champ Rodrigo Valdes, left, squared off in Monte Carlo on June 26, 1976, to settle the split title dispute. Monzon won a 15 round decision. (Right) A jubilant Carlos Monzon is announced winner with a fifth round KO over France's Gratien Tonna on December 13, 1975.



(Above) In a rematch on July 30 this year, Monzon again took the nod from Colombia's Valdes, left, in what was the champion's last fight before announcing his retirement from the ring. (Right) Mrs. Monzon poses with Silvia Ester and Carlos Hugo Monzon back in 1973.

Carlos Monzon's new career will be that of a movie actor. (Above) Carlos hands Swedish actress Ewa Aulin an ice-cream cone while working on the movie "Rosina goes to the countryside" as actor Hiran Keller looks on. (Right) Monzon is seen during the shooting of "El Macho" (The Man) in March this year.

Argentine actress Suzanne Gimenez comforts Monzon after his title-fight with Rodrigo Valdes. Monzon is wearing Valdes' WBC title belt.

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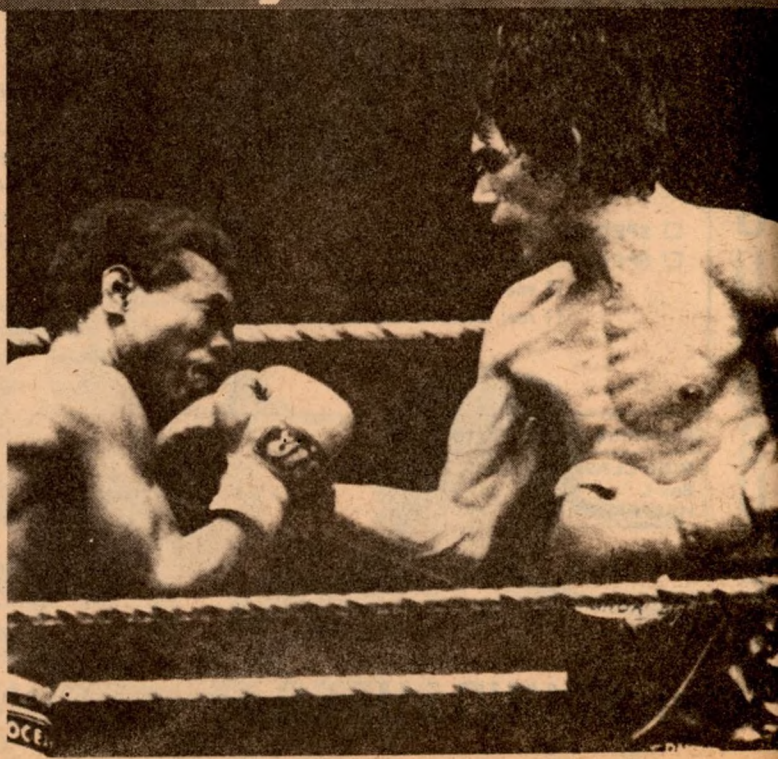
World middleweight champion Carlos Monzon, Argentina (left) and Rodrigo Valdes, Colombia (right) as they appeared after their gruelling 15 round title-bout in Monte Carlo. Monzon won the decision.

Monzon-Valdes #2 Confirms Monzon's Supremacy



(Above) Monzon slips away from a left jab thrown by Valdes in round seven, a good round for Valdes. (Right) The defending champ lands a right to the face of Valdes. In round two Monzon hit the canvas for the only decking in the fight.

By JACK A. TREE

MONTE Carlo—Carlos Monzon, Argentina, who won the world's middleweight title beating Nino Benvenuti, Italy, in Rome, KO12, on November 7, 1970, made a defense of his crown against Rodrigo Valdes, of Colombia, here at Monte Carlo. As in June last year in this same arena when Monzon became the undisputed middleweight champion of the world outscoring Rodrigo Valdes, Monzon won the rematch, but only after surviving a count of eight in round two.

This was Monzon's 15th title fight and his 14th defense. It was his 82nd bout without defeat, the last verdict going against him being on October 9, 1964, when he was decisioned by Alberto Massi.

The fifteen thousand seater Louis II open air stadium in Monte Carlo was not filled to capacity, with only eight or nine thousand in attendance. It had rained continuously for three days, but cleared up for the evening of the big event with the temperature at the ringside at 18 degrees C.

The referee was Briton Roland Dakin, who has handled a couple of dozen world title fights, and Halbach of Germany and Poletti of Italy were the judges.

Monzon took the first set, but it was a different story in the second heat. Thirteen months without a fight, Monzon was caught with a right which landed flush on face. He missed with a right, and Valdes was quick to land with a short but hard right to the chin. Monzon bit the dust, but made his feet immediately although the third man took his count to eight.

Round three was fairly even. The boxers were wearing six ounce gloves and had their hands protected with 1.42 m of bandage.

35-year-old Monzon, born in Sante Fe, Argentina on August 7, 1942, took the fourth, fifth and sixth. Both fighters had red patches under their right eyes.

Nino Benvenuti, Italy, who lost to Monzon and failed in a second scrap to regain his crown, was at the ringside. Reporters from Argentina numbered 50, while 30 made the journey from Colombia to bring home news of Valdes to their readers, hoping, of course, for Monzon to be dethroned.

Rodrigo Valdes, born three days before Christmas in 1946, lost to Monzon last year after a close call, perhaps losing because of his visit to the canvas in the last minutes. The Colombian came back strongly in the seventh. His left eye was swelling, but he could still see enough to land a left to Monzon's face, sending the champion back on his heels. A right followed, but it had little weight behind it. The round closed with Monzon taking a left and right to the face.

Round eight was all square, but perhaps Monzon was taking a breather, for he came back strongly in the ninth. He landed a right to Valdes' chin, then a left, and followed up with three right hooks to the challenger's face.

Both of Valdes' eyes were swelling in the tenth. A right to the chin shook the challenger, and he took another to the face before he could recover. Valdes was fighting wildly, but some of his rights were connecting.

Valdes took another left and right to the face, but stood his ground. Any other fighter would have gone down after such a barrage, but not Valdes. The game boxer fought back. His left eyebrow was cut and the third man inspected the damage with some concern. It was Monzon's best round.

As they came out for round eleven the referee sent Valdes back to his corner. It looked like the fight was over, but apparently Valdes was told to wipe away the vaseline smeared thickly over his laceration. Monzon took this one, but Valdes, with his do or die effort, received half the points in heats twelve and thirteen.

The fourteenth went to Monzon if you felt in a generous mood, but making it even would have been fairer to Valdes.

As they came out for the last round only a KO could save the day for Valdes. This he could not bring about, but at least he held his own and shared the heat.

One consolation for Valdes. If Monzon does retire, Rodrigo Valdes is then the best middleweight in the world.

My scoring made Monzon the winner by five points.

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Monzon	10	8	10	10	10	10	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	147
Valdes	9	10	10	9	9	9	10	10	9	9	9	10	10	0	10	142

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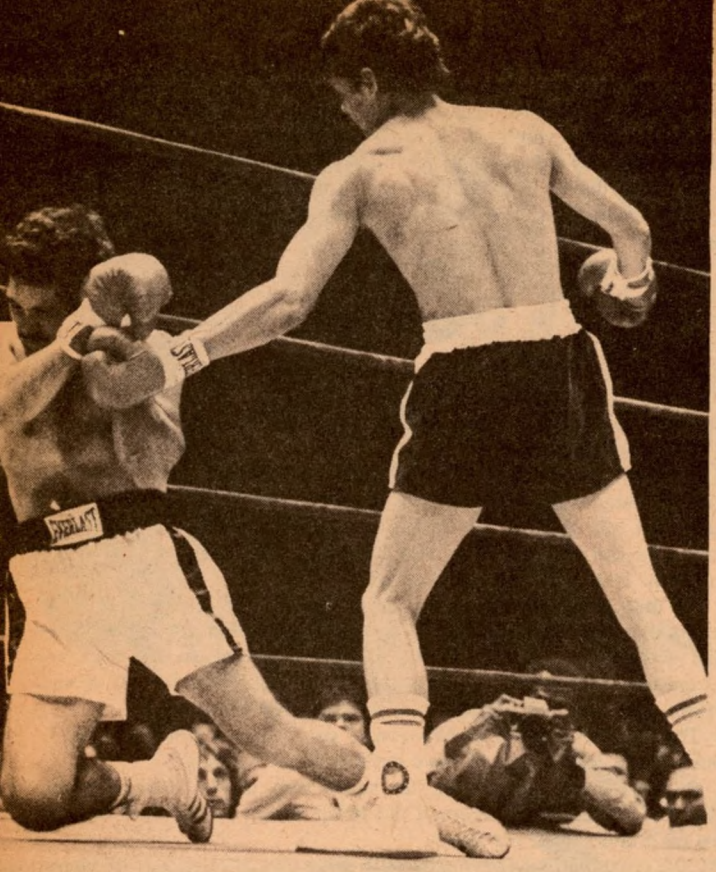
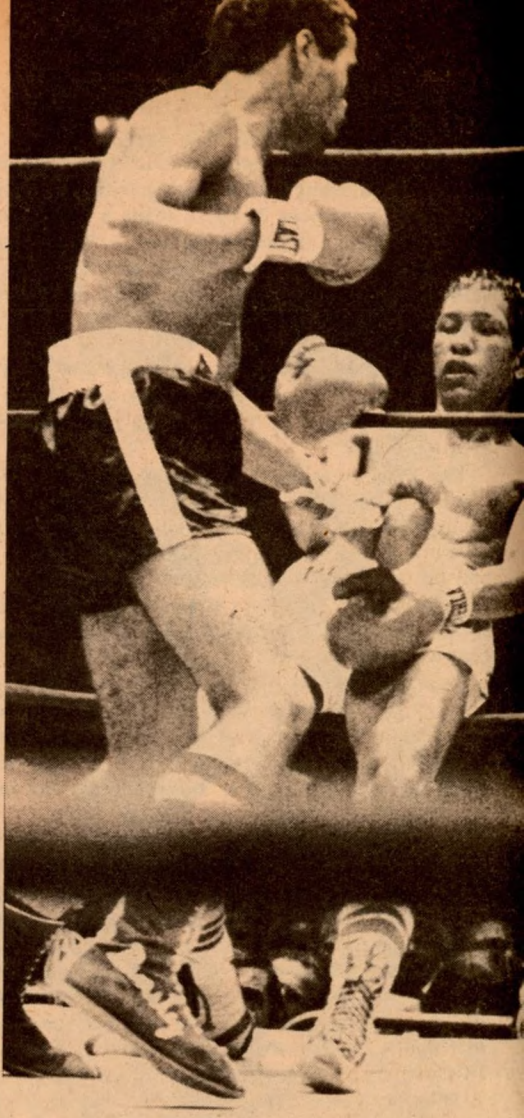
(Above) Monzon scores with a hard right to the head of Valdes in round one, a round which the Argentinian won. (Right) Upon the announcement of the decision in his favor, Monzon is carried around the ring by his training crew, headed by WBC world light heavy king Miguel Cuello.



(Left) Alexis Arguello, Nicaragua, knocks down Jose Fernandez, Dominican Republic, for the third time in round one of their Jr. lightweight bout. The referee halted the action at that point. Arguello recently gave up his featherweight title to fight in the Jr. lightweight class.



(Right) World Jr. welter king Wilfred Benitez, Puerto Rico, sends outclassed challenger José Guerrero Chavez, Venezuela, through the ropes. Benitez finally caught up to and finished the elusive Chavez in the 15th round.

Benitez Wins, but Arguello Steals Thunder on Garden Card

By SAM TAUB

THE great Joe Louis once said about a fight that a man can run but can't hide, and that proved the case when Wilfred Benitez, Puerto Rico's latest ring idol, finally caught up and stopped Jose Guerrero Chavez, Venezuelan born scrapper now living in Montreal, to score a t.k.o. in 1:41 of 15th round of their advertised junior welterweight championship scrap that was the feature bout on Teddy Brenner's mid-summer card in Madison Square Garden.

That's the story of the feature bout that drew a crowd of 11,236 fans, who paid $107,214.53 gross to see the show. The mixed crowd voiced their feelings as the fight went on, but Benitez, who took off more than twenty pounds, seven on the day of the fight, finally caught up with his man in the last round, starting with a left hook to the jaw that sent him into the ropes and a right that dropped Chavez for a nine second count. That's when Arthur Mercante, who had kept after the scrappers during the fight to step up the action, stepped in and called a halt.

Chavez didn't have a chance, but he was a cutie and elusive for Benitez who had to bide his moments to land effectively. The winner, now eighteen, will be heard from as time goes on. The fighters each scaled 139½ pounds. Chavez was clearly outclassed.

The boxer who stole the thunder was Alexis Arguello, the powerhouse belter from Managua, Nicaragua, 131½ pounds, who demolished Jose Fernandez, from the Dominican Republic, 132, in quick fashion. Barely had the fight gotten underway when Alexis knocked his man down with a left hook. Another left hook quickly put Jose down for the second time, and hardly had he gotten back on his feet when he was nailed with another left hook and right to the jaw. Before Fernandez went down, referee Georgie Coyle, one of the smallest arbiters on the Boxing Commission staff, called a halt. It was all over after only two minutes and six seconds of actual fighting.

The winner, who is clamoring for a lightweight title shot with world champion Roberto Duran, is a real standout of the present crop. Not only does he deliver the message to his opponents, but he is also one of the most colorful of the current clan. Arguello once held the feather crown which he relinquished when he outgrew the class. The crowd, with many of them coming from out-of-the-way places, went wild about this man. As a belter he reminded Yours Truly of the way ex-lightweight king Lew Jenkins used to chop them down.

There were a couple of eight spots that proved very interesting, too. One featured Julio Valdez, from Santo Domingo, who engaged in a free hitting affair throughout with willing but outclassed Marcus Barahona, 134½ to 133½ for his rival. These two delighted the cash customers with their many two fisted exchanges.

In another eight rounder, Johnny Turner, 142, outpointed Julio Garcia, 147, a fellow scrapper from Brooklyn who substituted for Larry Stanton.

There was also a four spot on the program, which saw Jerry Cooney, promising young heavyweight from Huntington, N.Y., 216 pounds, drop Matt Robinson, of Washington, D.C., 210¾ pounds, with a left hook in the second round to win a unanimous verdict.

The mixed audience got quite a kick out of the show, even though they were a bit disappointed in the action in the feature title

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Mattioli Ends Dagge's Reign

By JACK A TREE

BERLIN—Eckhard Dagge (69.8) lost his WBC junior middleweight title when he was knocked out by Rocky Mattioli, the Italian based Australian, (69.0), in round five at the Deutschlandhalle in Berlin. With 2:20 gone of the heat a short left hook to the jaw decked the champion and was counted out by the American referee, Richard Steele, as Dagge sat. Judges Kurt Rado, Austria, and Robert Deswert, Belgium, both had Mattioli in front by three points at the end of round four.

This was the same venue where Dagge won the crown beating Elisha Obed on June 18, 1976, and where he made his defenses against Emile Griffith and Maurice Hope.

Mattioli (24) had no respect for the champion, and from the first bell he got straight on with his job. He was obviously determined to dethrone the German champion. Mattioli was very fast, and his style was identical to that of Vito Antuofermo, another Italian who beat Dagge. Mattioli is the worrying type of fighter who always comes forward throwing punches and giving his opponent no chance to settle down. He penetrated Dagge's defense frequently and dictated the fight.

No one was alarmed or even surprised at the champion's being on the receiving end early in the fight, for he is a noted slow starter. Mattioli had no real KO punch, we were led to believe, and it was thought that it would only be a matter of time before he would run out of gas and allow Dagge to settle the score by way of KO.

It was all wishful thinking, for Mattioli's blows to the face had taken their toll and had lined up the champion for this crisp, short left hook to the jaw which ended Dagge's reign of four hundred and fourteen days.

Only on two occasions did the third man, Steele, have to speak to the boxers. He gave them a briefing at the start and only opened his mouth again to count over Dagge in the fifth. He had no cause to part the boxers or hand out any warnings, for both boxers were as good as gold and got on with their jobs.

Before Mattioli could be declared the winner officially, some of the 1500 Berlin based Italian workers among the ten thousand crowd, stormed the ring and carried their matador shoulder high.

Mattioli was the first ever to KO the German. Dagge said he saw the punch coming, felt it land on his jaw, and remembers going down. He heard the referee counting and knew he must get up. But his legs would not respond and although clear in the head, could do nothing to beat the count.

From the ovation Mattioli received from the German crowd one would have thought he was a local matador winning the title for Germany instead of just having dethroned Dagge. Looking back at Dagge's fights in the city since he was crowned and recalling the reception he has received from his fellow countrymen, one wonders if the crowd was not so interested in Mattioli's win as they were to see Eckhard Dagge lose.

At the ringside were Lucif Hamani, Algiers, Ayub Kalule, the Copenhagen based fighter from Uganda and Britain's No. 1 in Boxing, Micky Duff, who represents Maurice Hope, all of whom hope to be considered as Mattioli's next challenger.

Mattioli was already a veteran campaigner with 22 bouts when Eckhard Dagge turned professional in 1973.

Eckhard Dagge received around $100,000 and Mattioli, $31,000.

Rocky Mattioli was born at Ripa Reatina in Italy where the late Rock Marciano's parents once lived. He is managed by Umberto Branchini. Rocky, as a professional in Australia, lost only four of his 39 starts, winning 29 inside the distance. Mattioli left Australia for Italy in 1975. He told me that boxing was dead and there was no future for him in Australia. In Europe Mattioli remains undefeated in 14 fights.

Before the fight promoter and manager Branchini, Italy, complained of the WBC's nomination of Richard Steele, USA, as third man and the EBU's choice of judges, Kurt Rado, Austria, and Robert Deswert, Belgium. All were friends of the promoter, Willi Zeller, Eckhard Dagge and his American trainer, Henry Davis, it was said.

On a personal note, Rocky Mattioli was not impressed with the German beer drinkers. He settled for a glass of red wine with his

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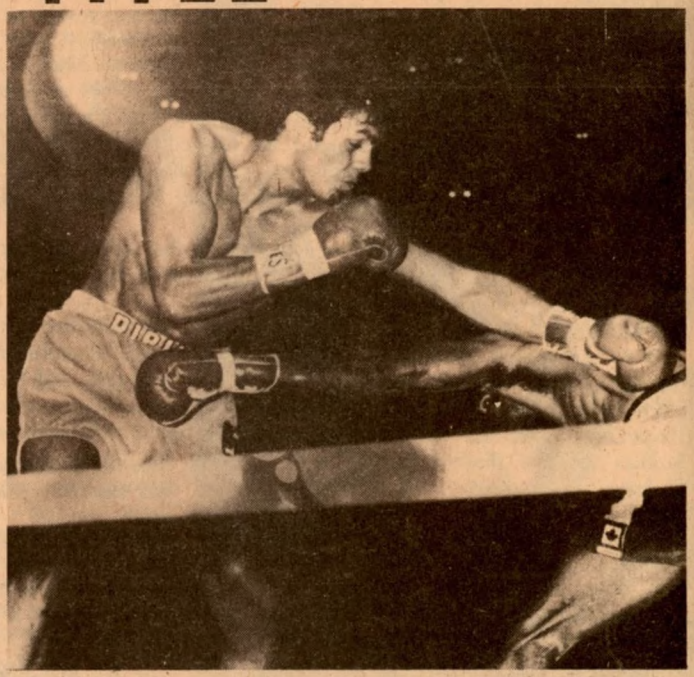
(Below left) WBC Jr. middleweight king Eckhard Dagge, Germany, is on the receiving end of a right thrown by Italian based Australian Rocky Mattioli in round four of their Berlin title-bout. (Below right) Dagge was counted out in round five to make Mattioli the new champion.

CUEVAS RETAINS WBA WELTER TITLE



Los Angeles—WBA world welterweight king Jose "Pipino" Cuevas, Mexico, faced Canada's Clyde Gray in what was a travesty of a title-fight. Early in the second round Cuevas threw a left hook which seemed to graze the side of Gray's face. Gray went down and did not rise until the ref tolled 11.

(Above) Clyde Gray, Canada, ducks a left thrown by WBA welter champ Pipino Cuevas, Mexico, during early action. (Above left) Cuevas raises his arms in victory after knocking out his challenger early in the second round of the Los Angeles title-bout.

Duran Steamrolls Diaz

By RON TEGART

PANAMA CITY, PANAMA—Over 8,000 loyal fans of Roberto Duran, came to see him kayo Dominican Bernardo Diaz in one round.

Duran was supposed to box Edwin Viruet in a title defense, but Edwin couldn't get in shape in time. This bout will take place as we go to press. Roberto was then to box a Colombian who had to pull out at the last moment, ergo Mr. Diaz.

The only record we have on Bernardo Diaz consists of two bouts in his native Santo Domingo. On March 26, 1977, he outpointed someone called Pedro Martinez in ten. Then on May 30, 1977, he was stopped by world rated junior welterweight, another local, Miguel Montilla, in two. So much for Bernardo.

This bout marked the third appearance in the ring this year for the world lightweight champion, Duran. On January 29 he stopped another Dominican, Vilomar Fernandez, in 13 rounds at Miami Beach. Then he moved north to Landover, Md., where he looked out of shape outpointing Los Angeles' junior welter Javier Muniz over ten dull rounds.

The bout itself was all Roberto. He came out smoking, landing lefts and rights to the frozen Diaz, who went down and hit his head on the ring turnbuckle, holding the lower strand. Needless to say Diaz took the ten count at 1:29 of the first round.

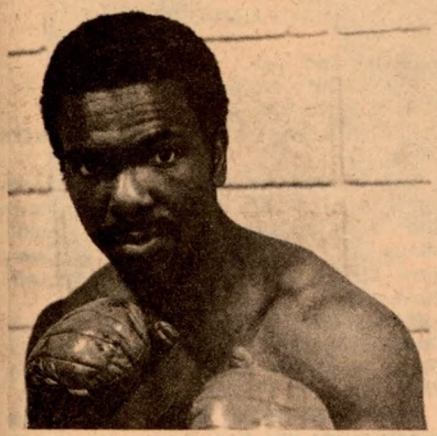
W.B.C. lightweight champion, Esteban DeJesus was on hand. He was to box Duran for the third time later this year. There seems to be some problem in making such a match at this time.

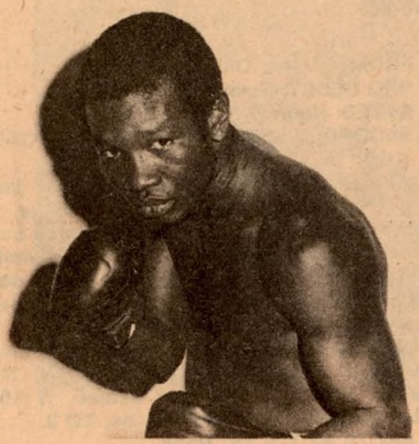
The show was promoted by New Yorker Don King.

World lightweight king Roberto Duran is congratulated after KO'ing badly outclassed Dominican Bernardo Diaz in the first round of their non-title fight.

WHO WILL BE NEXT MIDDLEWEIGHT KING?

WITH MONZON RETIRED, ONE OF THESE MEN IN RING'S TOP TEN SHOULD BECOME THE NEXT MIDDLE KING. . .





RODRIGO VALDES

DAVID LOVE

By JOHN ORT

MIKE COLBERT

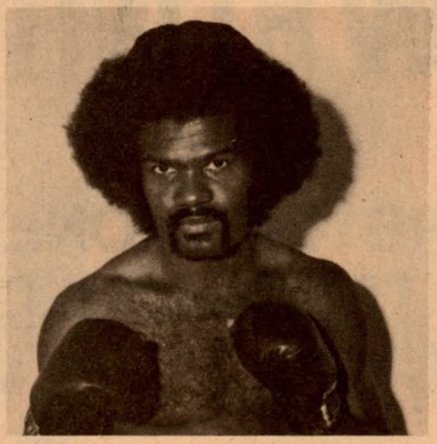
FROM: Portland, Ore.
PRO DEBUT: August 8, 1974.
RATED: Number one
RECORD: Won 17, Lost 0, Draws 0, KO'S 2, KOBY 0.
STYLE: Good left jab. Fast hands. Throws good combos. Good foot speed. Smart boxer. Minus side: cuts over left eye, ability to take a punch not known.
MAJOR WINS: Rocky Mosley, W 10; Karl Vinson, twice, W 10; Casey Gacic, W 10; Tony Licata, W 10.
SHOTS AT TITLES: None.
MAJOR DEFEATS: None.

FROM: Cartagena, Colombia.
PRO DEBUT: October 25, 1963.
RATED: Number two.
RECORD: Won 59, Lost 6, Draws 2, KO'S 38, KOBY 1.
STYLE: Keeps the pressure on with shots to body and head. Heavy puncher, but will not score KO with one shot. Best punch left hook, fair right. Takes a good punch and recovers well. Minus side: cuts around both eyes, sometimes runs out of gas in late rounds. Footwork fair, speed fair.
MAJOR WINS: Bobby Cassidy, KO 7; Bennie Briscoe, W 12, KO 7; Gratien Tonna, KO 11; Ruby Robles, W 15; Max Cohen, KO 4.
SHOTS AT TITLES: W.B.C. champion from May 25, 1974, to June 26, 1976. Carlos Monzon world title twice, June 26, 1976, and July 30, 1977.
MAJOR DEFEATS: Carlos Monzon, twice; Ralph Palladin; Pete Toro; Rudy Oscobar; Daniel Guanin.

FROM: Los Angeles, Calif.
PRO DEBUT: October 24, 1970.
RATED: Number four.
RECORD: Won 29, Lost 11, Draws 0, KO'S 7, KOBY 7, NC 2.
STYLE: Pressures foe and punches well with either hand. Best punch left hook, a good finisher and a tough front runner. Minus side: stopped seven times on cuts and knockouts, easy to hit and slow of foot, but improved in the last year.
MAJOR WINS: Tap Tap Makhathini, W 10; Willie Monroe, KO 4; Bobby Watts, KO 4; Jan Kies, W 10; Don Cobbs, W 10; Perry Abner, W 10.
SHOTS AT TITLE: None.
MAJOR DEFEATS: Bruno Arcari, George Cooper, Rudy Robles, Ray Seales, Vicente Medina, Renato Garcia, Hildo Silva.

BENNIE BRISCOE

FROM: Augusta, Ga.
PRO DEBUT: September 10, 1962.
RATED: Number three.
RECORD: Won 58, Lost 14, Draws 5, KO'S 47, KOBY 1, ND 1.
STYLE: Powerful left hook. Stays on top of foe throwing punches. Takes a good shot. A lot of heart. Minus side: age and tough fights catching up. Draws over last two years could have gone against him. Stops throwing punches when foe attacks.
MAJOR WINS: Percy Manning, KO 3; George Benton, KO 10; Carlos Monzon, D 10; Vicente Rondon, KO 8; Juarez de Lima, KO 2; Tony Mundine, KO 5, Eugene Hart, KO 1; Karl Vinson, W 10; Jean Mateo, KO 10.
SHOTS AT TITLE: Carlos Monzon, November 11, 1972; Rodrigo Valdes (W.B.C.), May 25, 1974.
MAJOR DEFEATS: Percy Manning, Tito Marshall, Stan Hayward, Luis Rodriguez, Yoland Leveque, Joe Shaw, Luis Vinales, Rodrigo Valdes, Emile Griffith, Carlos Monzon.



RONNIE HARRIS

FROM: Canton, Ohio.
PRO DEBUT: November 11, 1971.
RATED: Number five.
RECORD: Won 23, Lost 0, Draws 0, KO'S 9, KOBY 0.
STYLE: Southpaw with good right jab and hard straight left. Moves well. Is a smart boxer who is not pretty to watch but gets the job done. Punches fairly well. Minus side: ability to take a shot not known. Makes dull fights. Heart still question mark.
MAJOR WINS: Roland Pryor, W 10; Peter Cobblah, W 10; Tommy Hanna, W 10; Sandy Torres, W 10; Ray Seales, W 10; Alan Minter, KO 8; Frank Reiche, KO 2.
SHOTS AT TITLES: None.
MAJOR DEFEATS: None.

VITO ANTUOFERMO

FROM: Bari, Italy.
PRO DEBUT: November 30, 1971.
RATED: Number eight.
RECORD: Won 37, Lost 3, Draws 1, KO'S 16, KOBY 2.
STYLE: Aggressive. A fair banger with either hand. Wears the other man down and comes on strong in the later rounds. Minus side: cuts over eyes and is a very slow starter. Can be outboxed, doesn't move well.
MAJOR WINS: Danny McAloon, W 10; Buddy Boggs, KO 6; Mel Dennis, W 10; Denny Moyer, W 10; Emile Griffith, W 10; Vinnie Curto, W 10; Eckhard Dagge, W 15.
SHOTS AT TITLE: Won E.B.U. junior middleweight title from Dagge January 16, 1976. Lost title to Maurice Hope October 1, 1976.
MAJOR DEFEATS: Maurice Hope, Frank Wissenbach, Harold Weston.

ALAN MINTER

FROM: Crawley, England.
PRO DEBUT: October 31, 1972.
RATED: Number six.
RECORD: Won 29, Lost 4, Draws 0, KO'S 17, KOBY 4, NC 1.
STYLE: Tough all out fighter. Can deliver one punch KO. Good left hook and right. Takes a good shot and has a lot of heart. Minus side: cuts easily. Most bouts lost due to cuts and swelling of the face and head. Puncher not a boxer.
MAJOR WINS: Harry Scott, W 8; George Aidoo, KO 5; Larry Paul, W 10; Kevin Finnegan, W 15, W 15; Frank Reiche, KO 7; Tony Licata, KO 6; Ray Seales, KO 5; Emile Griffith, W 10.
SHOTS AT TITLES: Holds British middleweight title won on November 4, 1975, beating Kevin Finnegan in 15 rounds. Won E.B.U. middle crown from Germano Valsecchi February 3, 1977, via KO in five.
MAJOR DEFEATS: Jan Magdziarz, twice; Ricky Ortiz; Ronnie Harris.

. . .GIVEN THE POWER STRUGGLES IN BOXING, ONE IS FORCED TO WONDER HOW, IN FACT, THE NEXT MIDDLE CHAMP WILL ARISE AND IF THERE WILL AGAIN BE MULTIPLE TITLE HOLDERS.

MARVIN HAGLER

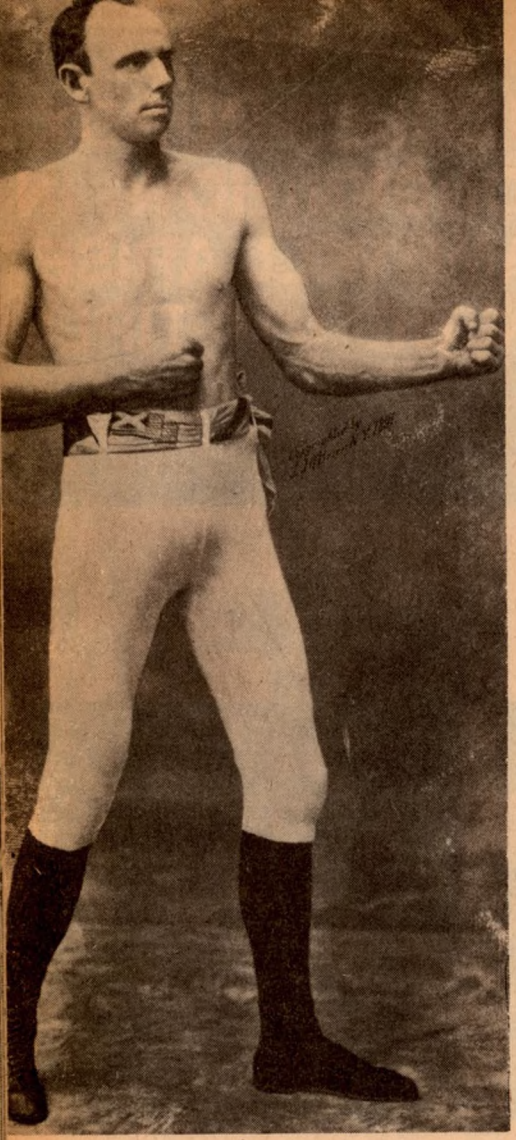
FROM: Brockton, Mass.
PRO DEBUT: May 18, 1973.
RATED: Number seven.
RECORD: Won 34, Lost 2, Draws 1, KO'S 27, KOBY o.
STYLE: Short, hard to hit, aggressive. Takes a good punch. Throws punches all the time and hits hard. A middleweight Joe Frazier who wears down foes. Minus side: has trouble with good boxers, doesn't move well to either side, only comes straight in, can be hit which will make for a short career.
MAJOR WINS: Ray Seales, W 10, D 10; Jimmy Owens, W disq. 6, W 10; Johnny Baldwin, W 10; Matt Donovan, KO 2; Eugene Hart, KO 8; Willie Monroe, KO'd twice.
SHOTS AT TITLES: None.
MAJOR DEFEATS: Bobby Watts, Willie Monroe.

CASEY GACIC

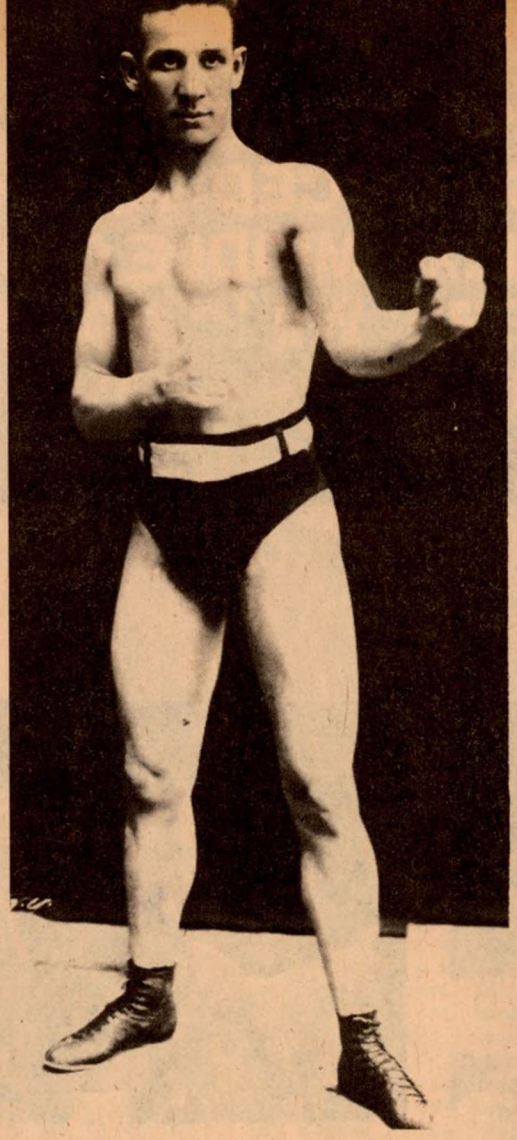
FROM: Parma, Ohio.
PRO DEBUT: December 3, 1971.
RATED: Number ten.
RECORD: Won 10, Lost 4, Draws 3, KO'S 2, KOBY 1.
STYLE: A busy boxer who moves well in and out. Throws a lot of punches and takes a lot in return. Gets off the floor fighting mad. A lot of heart. Minus side: easy to hit, cuts over the eyes, no strong punch, doesn't take a good shot.
MAJOR WINS: Joe Cokes, W 10; Mike Rossman, D 10; Christy Elliott, D 10; Gary Summerhays, D 6, W 8, W 10; Leo Saenz, W 8.
SHOTS AT TITLES: None.
MAJOR DEFEATS: Vinnie Curto, Gary Summerhays, Mike Colbert, Bobby Watts.

BOBBY WATTS

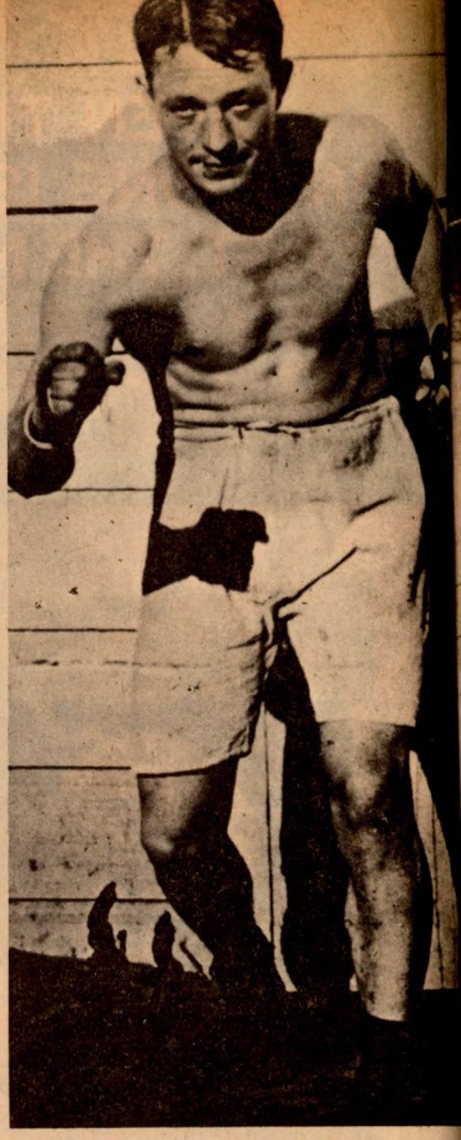
FROM: Philadelphia, Pa.
PRO DEBUT: March 13, 1969.
RATED: Number nine.
RECORD: Won 29, Lost 4, Draws 1, KO'S 12, KOBY 3.
STYLE: good front runner. Smooth boxer with a fair punch. Moves well with an in and out style. Good left jab and a nice left-right combo. Minus side: doesn't take a good punch or fare well under pressure.
MAJOR WINS: Perry Abner, KO 7; Luis Vinales, W 10; Ralph Palladin, W 10, KO 6, D 10; Willie Warren, W 10; Eugene Hart, KO 1; Willie Monroe, W 10; Marvin Hagler, W 10; Casey Gacic, KO 7.
SHOTS AT TITLES: None.
MAJOR DEFEATS: Clarence Geigger, Armando Muniz, Don Cobbs, David Love.



Bob Fitzsimmons won the middleweight crown in 1891 from Nonpareil Jack Dempsey, and gave it up in 1897 to face James J. Corbett for the heavyweight crown, which Fitz won.



Tommy Ryan became middleweight king when Fitzsimmons moved up in weight and held the title until he retired in 1907 at 37 years of age.



Stanley Ketchel, often called the greatest ever in the middleweight division, ruled that class for two years before he was shot to death on October 15, 1910.

MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPIONS WHO RETIRED UNDEFEATED

By TRUDIE LOUBET

SINCE 1867 when Tom Chandler was recognized as the first middleweight champion, only seven men have retired undefeated: Bob Fitzsimmons, Tommy Ryan, Stanley Ketchel, Mickey Walker, Marcel Thil, Billy Soose, and most recently, Carlos Monzon.

Fitzsimmons, Walker and Soose gave up their titles to step up to a heavier class, with the lanky Ruby Robert jumping all the way to the heavyweight class to face James J. Corbett for his crown in 1897.

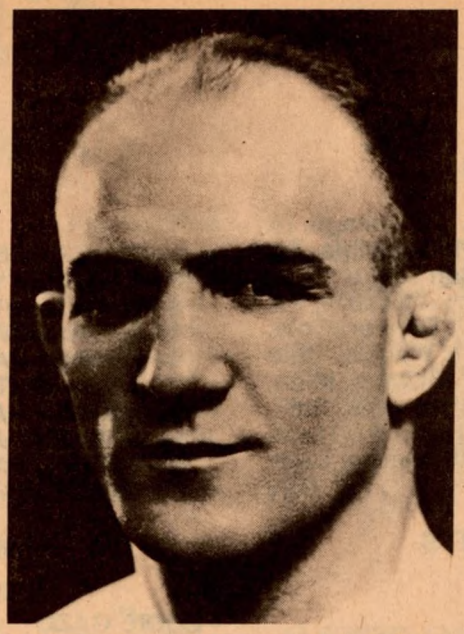
Fitzsimmons knocked out Nonpareil Jack Dempsey in 13 rounds on January 14, 1891, to win the middleweight title, and defended it only once, against countryman Dan Creedon on September 26, 1894. Fitz knocked out Creedon in round two.

There's an interesting side-light to this fight: finding he could no longer fight at 154 pounds without losing strength, Fitzsimmons made use of the privilege held by all champions of his time, altering weight standards for their conveniences, and he named 158 as the new middleweight class limit.

Fitzsimmons' successor, Tommy Ryan of New York, was generally recognized as middleweight king, having beaten the best men in his division, when Fitzsimmons became heavyweight champ. Ryan had already held the welterweight title from July 26, 1894, when he beat Billy Smith over 20 rounds in Minneapolis, until March 2, 1896, when Kid McCoy halted Ryan in the 15th round to take the welter title from the wily scrapper. In 1907, at 37 years of age, Ryan retired from boxing as an undefeated middleweight champ. Ryan had successfully defended his middleweight title for eight years.

To say middleweight king Stanley Ketchel retired undefeated

Mickey Walker held the middleweight title for five years after already having held the welterweight title, in order to try his luck in the heavier classes.



France's Marcel Thil gracefully retired after being KO'd in a non-title bout against Fred Apostoli on September 23, 1937.

Billy Soose was a partial title holder, sharing the diadem with Tony Zale. After holding the title for six months, he decided to move up to the light heavyweight division in late 1941.

World middleweight king Carlos Monzon is seen in what will stand as his last triumphant moments in the ring, following his second defeat of Rodrigo Valdes, assuming Monzon does not come out of retirement.

may be stretching the point a little, since Ketchel was champion when he was shot to death in Conway, Missouri, on October 15. 1910, but there are many who still consider him the greatest champion his class ever produced. Ketchel had won the title on February 22, 1908, from Mike Twin.

The Toy Bulldog, Mickey Walker, won the middleweight title from Tiger Flowers in Chicago on December 3, 1926, with a KO in 10. Already having been a title holder in the welterweight class, Walker gave up his middleweight title in 1931 to try his luck in the heavier classes. He fought the likes of Tommy Loughran, Jack Sharkey, and Max Schmeling, but could not quite make it with the bigger men.

When Marcel Thil, who had won the middleweight title from Gorilla Jones on a foul on June 11, 1932, was knocked out by Fred Apostoli in a non-title bout on September 23, 1937, the Frenchman decided to vacate his title and retire undefeated before it was forceably taken from him.

Billy Soose ruled the middleweights at the same time as Tony Zale. Soose was recognized by New York and the E.B.U., while Zale was the N.B.A. champ.

Soose defeated Ken Overlin over 15 rounds on May 9, 1941, and held onto the title for six months before he decided to move up to the light heavyweight division.

Monzon became the eighth man to retire undefeated when he announced recently that he is going to become a full time actor. Monzon won his title from Nino Benvenuti on November 7, 1970, with a KO in 12 and fought 19 bouts before deciding to hang up his gloves.

Carlos Monzon won the middleweight title on November 7, 1970, from Nino Benvenuti, and retired in August this year to pursue a movie acting career.

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(over 175 pounds)
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MUHAMMAD ALI ..... Chicago, Ill.
1—JIMMY YOUNG ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
2—KEN NORTON ..... San Diego, Calif.
3—LARRY HOLMES ..... Easton, Pa.
4—RON LYLE ..... Denver, Colo.
5—EARNIE SHAVERS ..... Warren, Ohio
6—DUANE BOBICK ..... Bowlus, Minn.
7—HOWARD SMITH ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
8—JOHNNY BOUDREAUX ..... Houston, Texas
9—STAN WARD ..... Sacramento, Calif.
10—ALFIO RIGHETTI ..... Italy

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1—VICTOR GALINDEZ* ..... Argentina
2—JOHN CONTEH ..... England
3—MIGUEL CUELLO** ..... Argentina
4—RICHIE KATES ..... Brighton, N.J.
5—BOBBY CASSIDY ..... Brentwood, L.I., N.Y.
6—MIKE ROSSMAN ..... Turnesville, N.J.
7—ALVARO LOPEZ ..... Stockton, Calif.
8—VONZELL JOHNSON ..... Kalamazoo, Mich.
9—JESSE BURNETT ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
10—MATE PARLOV ..... Yugoslavia

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1—MIKE COLBERT ..... Portland, Ore.
2—RODRIGO VALDES ..... Colombia
3—BENNIE BRISCOE ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
4—DAVID LOVE ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
5—RONNIE HARRIS ..... Akron, Ohio
6—ALAN MINTER ..... England
7—MARVIN HAGLER ..... Brockton, Mass.
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CARLOS MONZON
FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

WORLD middleweight king Carlos Monzon won this month's honors with his 15 round decision over Colombian Rodrigo Valdes. Runners up: world junior welterweight king Wilfred Benitez, who kayoed Guerrero Chavez in 15 of their title bout; W.B.A. welterweight king Jose Cuevas, who stopped Canadian Clyde Gray in a title defense; world lightweight king Roberto Duran, who took a one round kayo over Dominican Bernardo Diaz in a non-title bout, and E.B.U. middleweight champ Alan Minter, England, who won a ten round nod over Emile Griffith.

Light heavies, Mike Rossman goes from seven to six with his kayo win over Marcel Clay. Alvaro Lopez beat Manuel Fierro to move from ninth to seven; Johnson and Burnett move down one spot. Len Hutchins drops out of the top ten, replaced by Mate Parlov, who beat Harold Skog in 15. Vonzell Johnson lost to Jerry Celestine to fall from six to eight.

Portland's Mike Colbert remains number one with his kayo win over Mike Avans in the middles. Alan Minter's win over Griffth moves him from seven to sixth. Antuofermo, Watts, and Love drop one place, inactive. Briscoe beat Sammy Barr to move to three. Hagler beat Monroe to move from nine to seven.

New W.B.C. junior middle champ Rocky Mattioli moves past ex-champ Dagge, from seven to six. Joel Bonnetaz drops out to make room for Edgar Ross, Orlando, Fla., who scored two wins over the last month against Sammy Ruckard and Lee Thomas. In Wissenbach's last outhing he beat Fighting Mack to move up one. Ross goes to ten, while Backus won to move up a spot.

Both Jose Cuevas and Pete Ranzany won last month and stay number one and two in the welterweight ratings.

One change in the junior welters; Saoul Mamby, who lost his last time out to Nani Marrero in May, was replaced by Bruce Curry, Los Angeles, who kayoed Japan's Lion Furayama in five. Curry moves into the tenth spot as Kimpuani moves up to ninth.

In the welters, Mexico's Jose Palacios scored an upset win over Armando Muniz and moved into the ratings, number eight, while Muniz dropped to sixth.

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PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

NAME	Pro Debut	Total Bouts	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's
HEAVYWEIGHTS						
Chuck Gardner Minneapolis, Minn.	11/76	5	5	0	0	2
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT						
Pablo Ramos Cleveland, Ohio	10/76	8	8	0	0	5
MIDDLEWEIGHT						
Freddy Johnson New Orleans, La.	7/76	4	4	0	0	0
WELTERWEIGHT						
Anthony Daniels Fairmont, W. Va.	8/74	12	12	0	0	10
LIGHTWEIGHT						
Albert Collazo Cleveland, Ohio	11/76	5	5	0	0	3
FEATHERWEIGHT						
Tony Stokes New York, N.Y.	6/76	9	7	1	1	4
BANTAMWEIGHT						
Esteban Eguia Spain	12/75	13	13	0	0	4
FLYWEIGHT						
Jose F. Rodriguez Spain	10/76	6	5	0	1	3

Middle Age Still "Golden" as Briscoe Eyes Chance at Crown

By NIGEL COLLINS

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—The remarkable career of local middleweight contender Bennie Briscoe is now rolling along in it's sixteenth season with the end still not in sight. The heavy-handed slugger was born in Augusta, Georgia on February 8, 1943, and at the age of 34 he is currently closing in on a third shot at the world title.

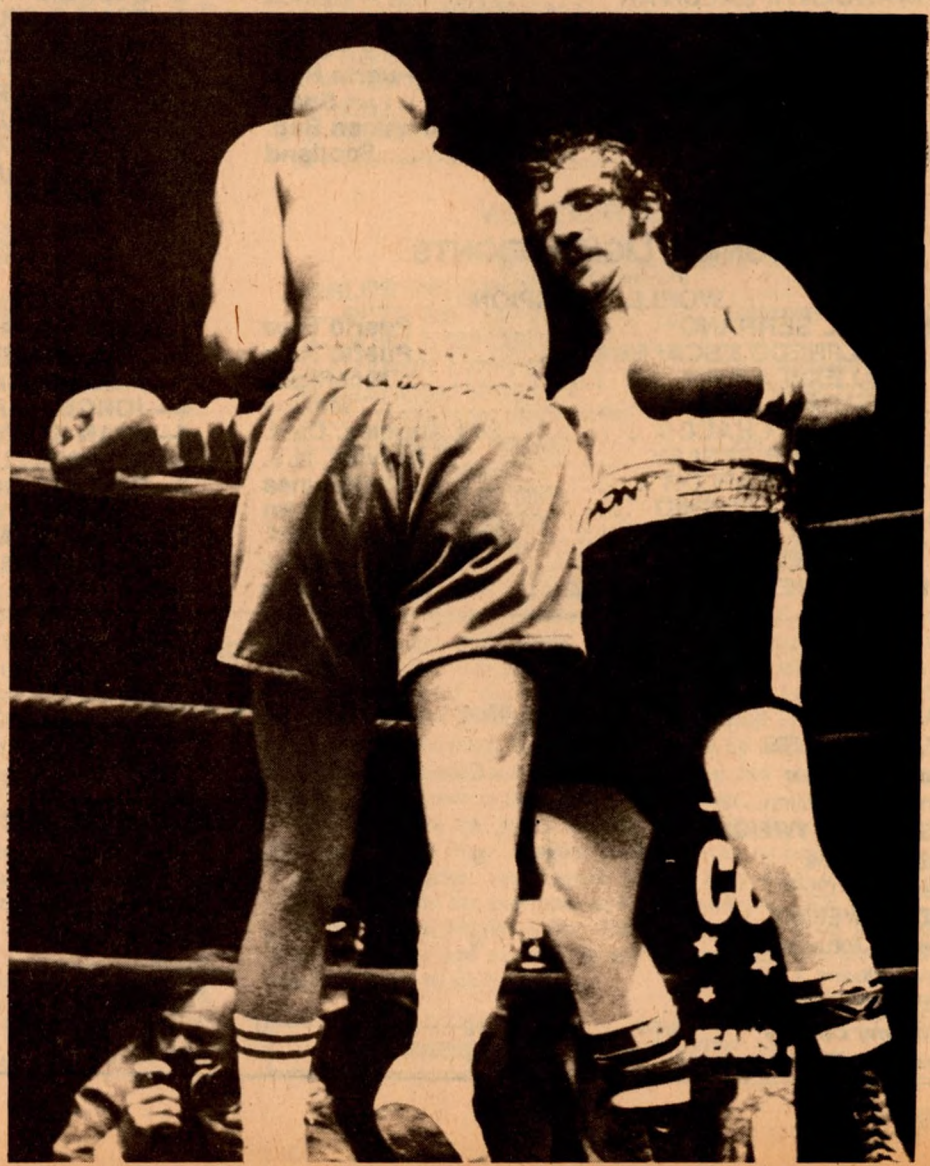
The cold, and often cruel, fact is that boxing is a young man's sport. It always was and always will be. However, in every era there have been a handful of ringmen who have held Father Time at bay and extended their careers past the age that is normally considered the pugilistic prime.

Who were these boxers and how did they push the limits of time and flesh beyond the traditional barriers? How does Briscoe compare with these venerable graybeards of the ring, past and present?

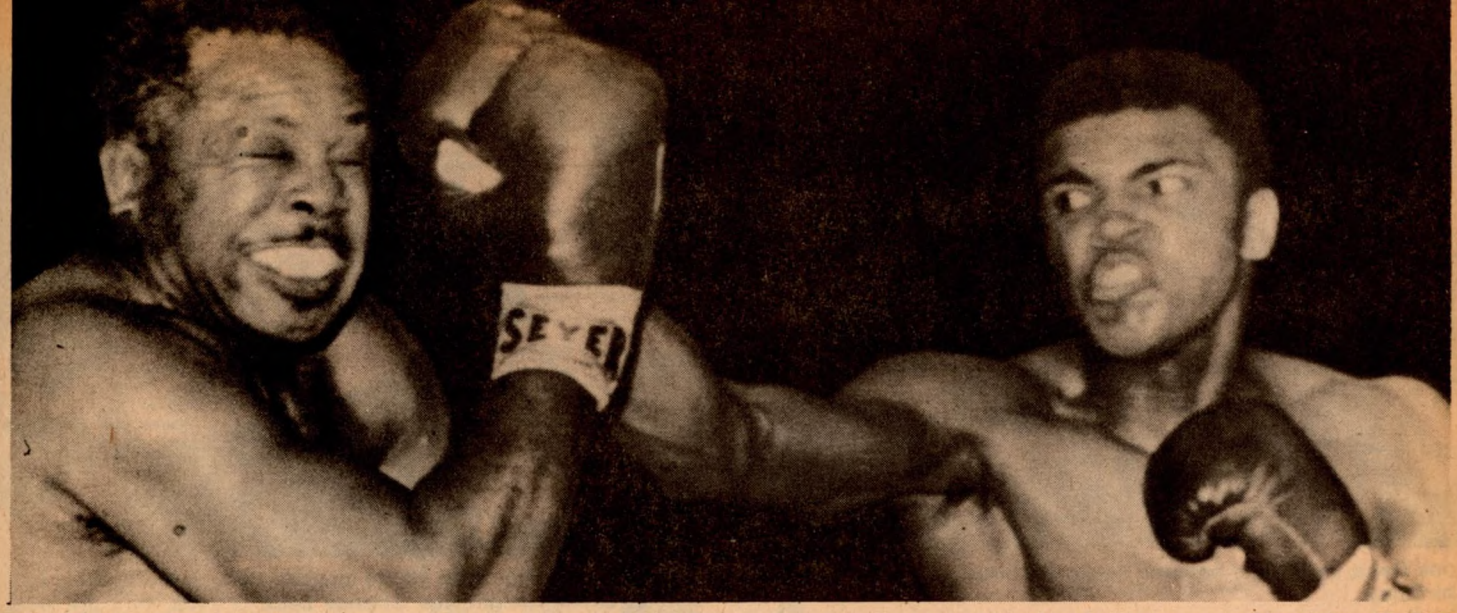
When boxing aficionados think of these fighters, former light heavyweight champ Archie Moore comes immediately to mind. To watch the Old Mongoose in action was a sepcial treat. His hair was streaked with gray and his bulging spare-tire hung ponderously over the waistband of those ridiculous knee-length trunks. Archie would beguile his adversary into making a fatal mistake and then explode with a barrage of punches that would belie his age and lay the unfortunate youngster low.

Moore had his last major fight in November of 1962 when he was kayoed by Cassius Clay in four rounds. Archie was either 48 or 45 at the time. Why the discrepancy? Well, Moore claims he was born in 1916, but his mother, who should know, says the big event came three years earlier in 1913.

Archie campaigned for 17 years and had reached his thirty-ninth birthday before he got the chance to box Joey Maxim for the title in 1952. He decisioned Maxim over 15



Middleweight Bennie Briscoe is seen (above, right) on his way to a 10 round nod against Karl Vinson and (right) attacking Jean Mateo, from whom Briscoe won a TKO victory.



The last fight of Archie Moore's long and illustrious career was against the up-and-coming Cassius Clay (above) on November 15, 1962, when Moore, left, was 48 years old.

rounds and held the championship until 1962. At that time the last of boxing's official bodies withdrew their recognition because of Moore's reluctance to defend his belt on a regular basis.

During a career that spanned 29 years, Moore accumulated an amazing 140 knockouts, an all-time record that will never be equalled. Moore also left a legacy of wonderful fistic memories that are enhanced by the fact that Archie was well past his fistic prime at the time of his most illustrious ring accomplishments.

Archie Moore may be the classical case, but other champions of the past have also risen to the pinnacle at an advanced age.

Jersey Joe Walcott knocked out Ezzard Charles to win the world heavyweight championship at the age of 37. Joey Giardello was 33 when he took the middleweight title away from Dick Tiger. Tiger was 36 when he won the belt back from Giardello, and a year older when he beat Jose Torres for the light heavyweight crown.

Looking back a little further we find Bob Fitzsimmons taking the light heavyweight title from George Gardner at the age of 41.

The list of past performers who stretched their careers goes on and on. A pair of lightweight champs, Joe Gans and Joe "Old Bones" Brown, deserve prominent mention. Gans, known as the Old Master because of his legendary cleverness, held onto his title until after his 34th birthday. Brown lost his championship in 1962 at the age of 36, but fought on until 1970.

Among active boxers our oldest champion is WBC light flyweight king Luis "Lumumba" Estaba of Venezuela, who is reported to be between 35 and 40. Estaba won the newly created title in September of 1975 with a knockout over Rafael Lovera and has gone on to defend it seven times against the best contenders available. This would be considered a busy schedule for a boxer in his twenties, but for a man of Estaba's age it is a rare wonder.

Once a fighter wins a world championship he will never be out of work as long as he can make it up the ring steps and through the ropes. There are a number of aging ex-champs fighting today with a measure of success. Emile Griffith, who decisioned then fought a draw with Briscoe, is the perfect example of this.

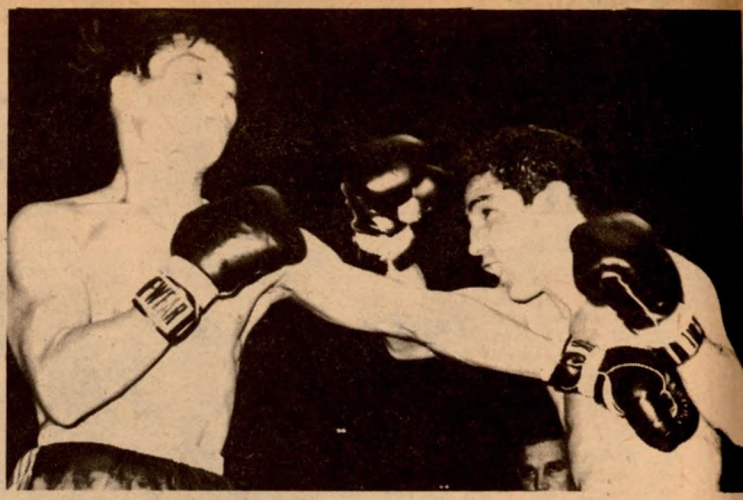
At 39 Emile is still a headliner throughout the world. He lost the last of his five world championships back in 1968, but can hold his own in fast company even today. Last year Griffith came within a hair of winning his sixth crown in a losing bid for Eckart Dagge's WBC junior middleweight title. There were many observers who felt Emile's peerless left hand had done just enough to edge the youthful German.

Griffith is heading for the Hall of Fame, but I fully expect him to score a few more

Ex-lightweight champ Joe "Old Bones" Brown, seen on his way to a 15 round nod against challenger Kenny Lane, left, lost his title at the age of 36, in 1962, but fought on until 1970.

33-year-old Joey Giardello, left, is seen en route to beating Dick Tiger for the middleweight title. Tiger won the title back at the age of 36, and was 37 when he beat Jose Torres for the light heavy crown.

Joe Gans, right, held onto his lightweight title until after his 34th birthday.



Brazil's Eder Jofre, seen above against Johnny Jamito in a successful bantamweight title defense back in 1963, won the WBC featherweight crown at the age of 37.

victories before that time comes.

South America has produced two of the greatest boxers among the Geritol set. They are Eder Jofre of Brazil and Nicolino Loche of Argentina. Although both men were active in 1976, they claim to have gone back into retirement for the time being.

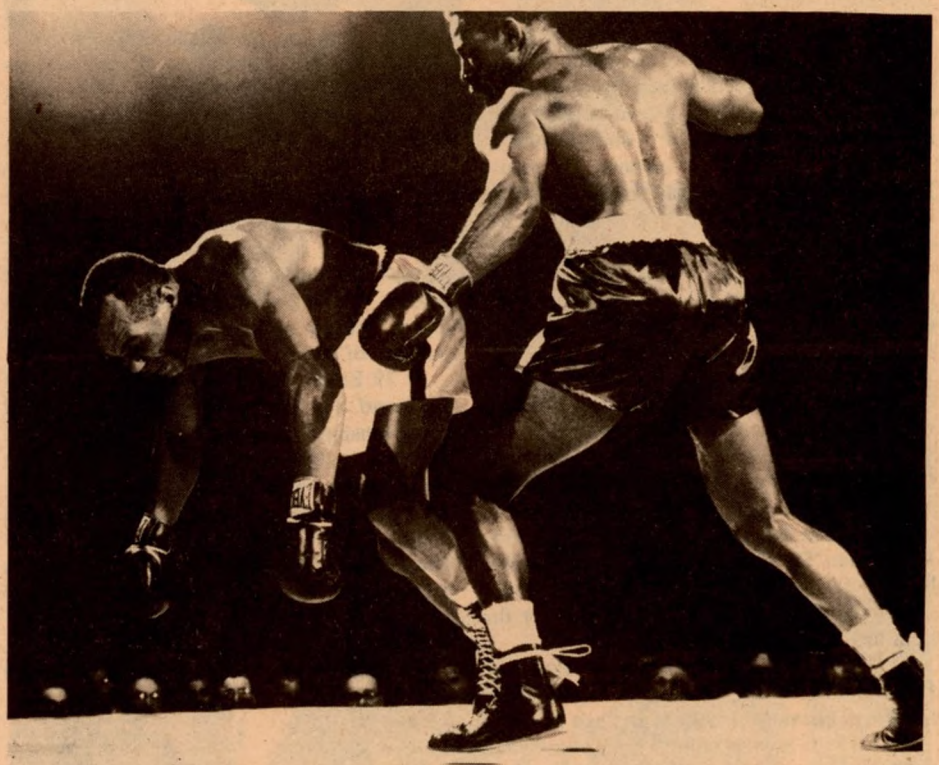
The Jofre story is unique. He won the bantamweight crown with a tenth-round kayo over Piero Rollo in 1961 at the age of 25. He was closing in on his thirtieth birthday when he lost the title to Japan's Fighting Harada. Jofre retired the next year only to make a comeback in 1969 as a featherweight. Eder climaxed his return by winning the WBC championship from Jose Legra (another oldy) in 1973. The brilliant Brazilian was 37 at the time.

Nicolino Loche is perhaps the most popular Argentine boxer of all time. He sold out Luna Park with regularity, and that is something neither Carlos Monzon nor Victor Galindez can boast. A defensive wizard, Loche held the world junior welterweight crown until he was 33, but could still pack them in at 37 if he choose to lace up the gloves again.

The big difference between Bennie Briscoe and the greats out of the past are twofold. First, Briscoe has yet to win a world championship, and second, he is a slugger. Think back over the boxers mentioned. Archie Moore was a knockout puncher supreme, but he was extremely cagey, and in his later years spent as much time in the ring stalling as he did punching. Jersey Joe Walcott could sock with authority, but was a cool, calculated thinker, not a brawler.

Gans, Brown, Loche, Giardello and Griffith were all cuties. These are boxers highly respected for their defensive ability. The same could hardly be said for Briscoe, although some improvement in that area has been made in recent years.

Whether or not Briscoe can win the middleweight title remains to be seen, but the fact that he can rumble toe-to-toe with the best young studs in the division can not be denied. Respected names such as Eddie Gregory, Cyclone Hart, Karl Vinson and Jean Mateo have gone down to defeat under Briscoe's hammer-like fist lately.



37-year-old Jersey Joe Walcott lost his March 1951 bid for the heavyweight title against Ezzard Charles, but went on to win it in July of the same year with a KO in the seventh round.

Some fighters prolonged their careers by fighting second-raters. The imortal Willie Pep embarked on an ill-advised comeback in 1965 at the age of 43. He won most of his bouts but they were against ham-'n'-eggers that did nothing but detract from an outstanding earlier career.

At the present, a 34-year-old Muhammad Ali tackles the likes of Alfredo Evangelista in a parody of a prize fight that only served to lessen the champ's stature.

Briscoe always fought the best and still is. Bennie's record reads like the who's who of the middleweight division. Tony Mundine, Bill Douglas, Juarez DeLima, Vincente Rondon, Joe Shaw, Rafael Gutierrez, Art Hernandez, Jose Gonzalez, Jimmy Lester, Carlos Marx, Percy Manning and Tom Beathea were all beaten by Briscoe when they wer in their prime. He also fought an early draw with Monzon before Carlos won the title.

In an effort to understand how a walk-in banger like Briscoe can keep going at his advanced age I talked with his trainer,

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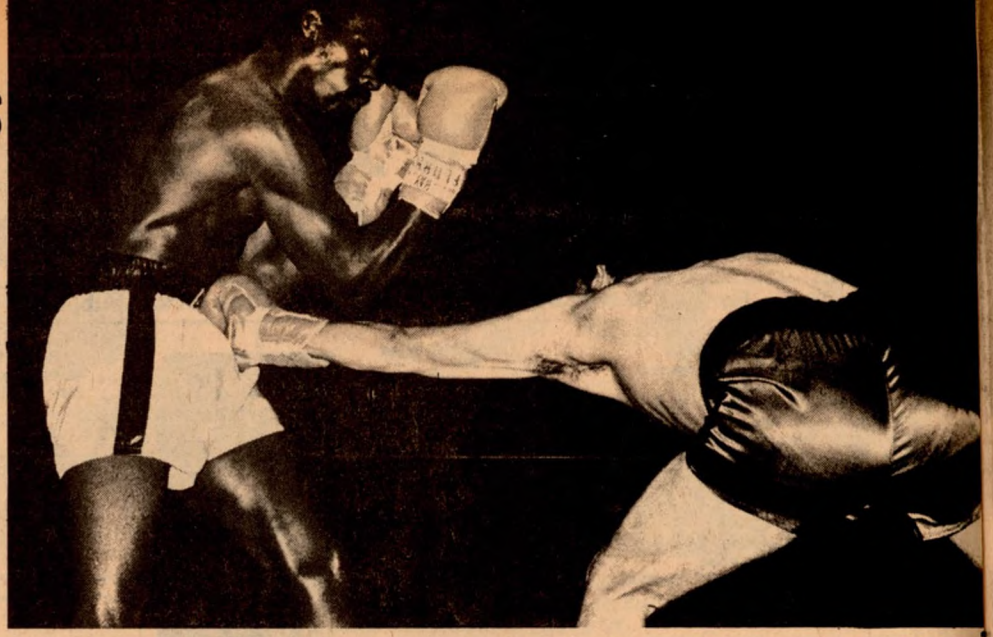

Erwin Williams, Oakland middleweight prospect, cautiously appraises the more experienced Chuchu Garcia in the opening round of their recent bout. A series of body shots by Williams had Garcia down twice in the fourth round and the referee stopped the fight.

Middleweight Williams-- Bright Star On the Horizon

WHILE the fight game continues to flourish on the West Coast, there remains the chance that out of the current breed of fighters a world champion will emerge. Contenders arise, stir the hopes of their fans, but most fade from the scene without ever claiming a title. It is an oddity that Americans dominate the heavyweight ranks but only have occasional triumphs in other divisions.

As recently as the 1960's the middleweight division was ruled by such American champions as Gene Fullmer, Paul Pender, Joey Giardello, and Emile Griffith. So it is with much expectation that Northern California fans watch Erwin Williams move up in the middleweight ranks, ten years since an American held the title.

Williams, from Oakland, has good height, 5-11, for his division, with slender legs and broad shoulders. He is a methodical fighter, precisioned and hard working, who makes combination punching and defensive moves seem easy. But Williams has yet to be fully tested. So far, he's cleaned up on his opponents.

Williams began boxing in the Marine Corps to combat the dullness of military life. He lost his first amateur fight, thought about quitting boxing then decided to stick with it and ended up with 72 wins and 4 losses before deserting the amateurs. Williams, now 24 years old, had never intended to go pro, but in the course of his amateur career he won the Golden Gloves championship three years in a row and was voted Outstanding Fighter of the 1976 San Francisco Golden Gloves tournament. At the urgings of many boxing people in the area, Williams decided to enter the pro ranks.

One of those who urged Williams to turn pro was veteran manager Bill Sanford, who managed Nate Collins and Jimmy Lester, once world class middleweights. Sanford became Erwin's manager and the Garden City Boxing Club was picked to handle the promotion. To date, Williams is undefeated in eleven pro bouts and only Andre Beard has gone the distance with him. Slowly Erwin is making that traditional climb; at first it was against fighters of limited talent. Now it is against tough trial horses, the kind that give a fighter on the rise confidence, experience, and an impressive record.

Four months ago Williams knocked out rugged Roger Bucksin, after tagging him freely for seven rounds. In his tenth pro bout, Erwin faced Vicente Medina, a durable

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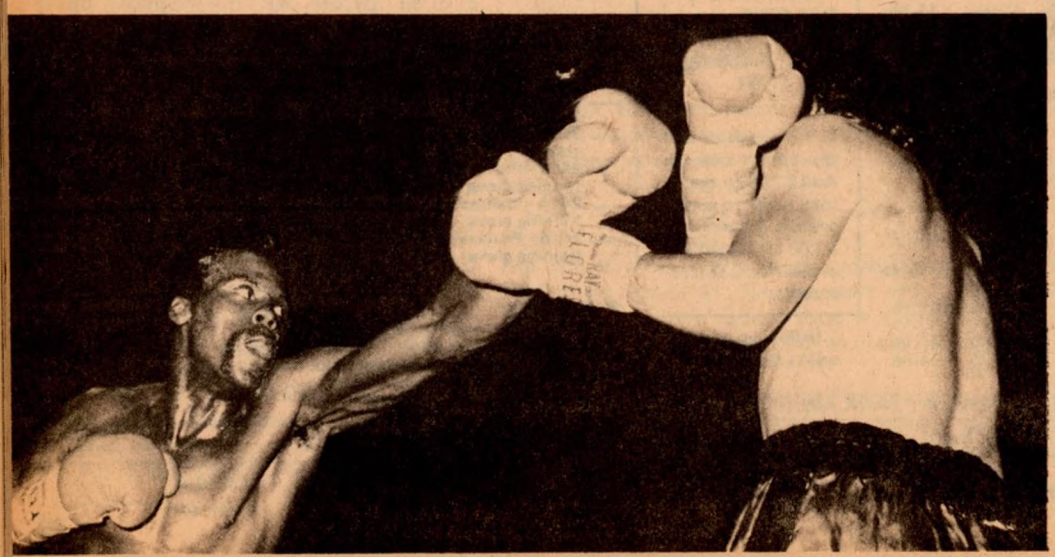

(Left) Williams kept Garcia in an upright position with long left jabs, then switched to a body attack in the fourth which finished Garcia. Photos by Harry Rosenbluth.

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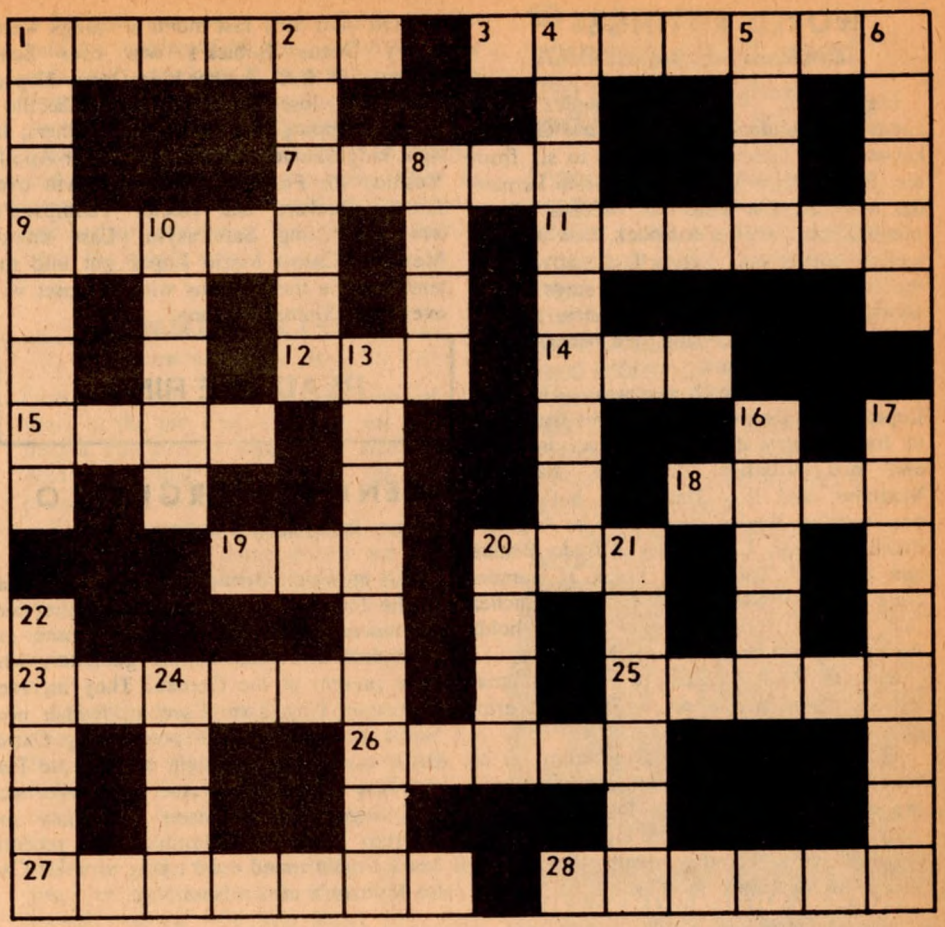

ACROSS

1. "Dumb" boxing manager! (6)
3. Frenchman who K.O.'d Frankie Genaro for flyweight title. (7)
7. See 11.
9. He took welterweight crown from Cochrane. (5)
11. & 7. He took two decisions in bouts with Rocky Graziano (6,5)
12. Sam Langford was such a baby! (3)
14. Nickname of Freddie Cochrane (3)
15. Gospel writer (4)
18. Carl Olson (4)
19. He was stopped by Ezzard Charles in title bout. (3)
20. American whisky! (3)
23. Turkish capital (6)
25. Former world middle and light-heavyweight champion (5)
26. First name of highly ranked light-heavyweight from Bahamas (5)
27. Former British heavyweight champion K.O.'d in one round by 5 down (7)
28. He lost flyweight crown to Young Perez in 1931 (6)

DOWN

1. Lloyd ——, K.O.'d Freddie Mills (8)
2. He took lightweight title from Lew Jenkins (6)
4. British boxer beaten by John Henry Lewis in version of world light-heavyweight title (3,6)
5. First name of leading heavyweight contender from Cuba during fifties (4)
6. First name of British boxer who once beat Sugar Ray Robinson (5)
8. First name of Brazilian who won bantamweight title in 1960 (4)
19. Cleveland's "India Rubber" man (5)
13. Californian "Golden Boy" (3,6)
16. Bull ——, died after bout with Jess Willard (5)
17. Jack Dempsey's state (8)
20. Not much in a small ring! (4)
21. Al ——, heavyweight of thirties who beat Jim Braddock (6)
22. Leading heavyweight of early fifties until meeting Rocky Marciano (5)
24. Chocolate and Gavilan were! (4)

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Sam Langford

Freddy Cochrane

WORLD RATINGS

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Lightweight Vilomar Fernandez' win keeps him number three. Andrew Ganigan kayoed Juan Garcia, moving up to six from ten. Both Hector Medina and Perico Fernandez lost their last times out. Medina falls to number nine, while Fernandez, now a junior welter, comes out. Italy's Usai moves into the fifth place, while Marquez stays seven. Moving into the tenth spot is new E.B.U. king Jim Watts, Scotland. He beat Andrew Holyk for the crown.

Bobby Chacon, with two wins (Alejandro Lopez and Ruben Olivares) moves from nine to four. Seeley drops one place, inactive, and Ben Villaflor the same. Blakeney Matthews and Roy Hernandez both come out, inactive. Replacements are Los Angeles' Frank Baltazar, Colombia's Alfredo Pitalua and Sigfredo Rodriguez. Frank is number eight and Alfredo, number nine. Sanchez falls out and Apollo to seven. Limon holds the third spot with a win over Mar Basa.

Roberto Rualdino, lost to Fabian Palma, moved down two spots as Italy's Zurlo, moves up to fifth.

Feather David Kotey moves from six to four with a win over Laurnet Bazie, while in the bantam class, Alberto Davila beat Alberto Cabanig to move from eight to six.

Other wins for the month that didn't change the rankings, but allowed the winners to hold onto their last month's ratings were: heavy Duane Bobick's win over Scott LeDoux; W.B.C. feather king Danny Lopez' kayo over Jose Olivares; Ruben Castillo's victory stopping Jose Rodriguez, feathers; Jr. light king Samuel Serrano's win over Apollo Yoshio, 15; Floyd Mayweather's win over Sammy Ruckard and Hector Thompson's win over Jong Sathirasym. Last month Mexico's Castro Mario Lopez got into the tenth spot in the bantams with an upset win over Sully Shittu of Ghana.

READ THE RING

BENITEZ, ARGUELLO

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match in which Benitez finally got his man in the final round. As an added attraction, announcer Jack Lee introduced some ex-champions and other former gladiators who were present at the Garden. They included ex-bantam king Sixto Escobar; feather boss Willie Pep; former 135 pound king Carlos Ortiz; ex-light heavyweight champ Jose Torres; Jose Basora, the former star, who once held Sugar Ray Robinson to a draw and Rodrigo Valdes, a Columbian who recently lost a fifteen round duke trying to wrest Carlos Monzon's crown from him.

LOPEZ KO'S QUIJANO

By FELIPE J. C. GALANG

MANILA—Juan Lopez, 123, had easy sailing with Ric Quijano, 120, whom he kayoed in the 9th round. Quijano's title was not at stake. It was a rough night for Ric. Bernabe Villacampo, 112, kayoed Arnel Arrozal, 112, in the third round of a scheduled 12 rounder. Aquilino Nicolas, 149, beat Ramon Dionesio, 149, in 10 rounds. Larry Enriquez, 116, stopped Danny Reyes, 116, in the seventh round. This was Lope Sarreal's promotion.

▲**MANILA**—Neptali Alamag, 122, defeated Arman Bangoyan, 123, in 10 rounds. Alamag was so fast that his rival could not locate him. James Clavilaz, 134, drew with Jimmy Loenar in 10. Ruben Rabago, 138, kayoed Jun Sarana, 138, in the eighth. This is a Romulo Figueroa's promotion.

▲**MANILA**—Gideon Toyogon, 146, and welter kingpin, badly defeated Noli Galicha, 146, in a 12-round title bout. Danilo Berdida, 112, beat Eddie Galler, 113, in 10 rounds. Boy Oliva, 128, kayoed Ramon Elorde, 131, in the fifth round. Lino Boy Base, 111, beat Joselito Despuez, 109, in 10 rounds. It was Teddy Rado's promotion.

▲**DAVAO CITY**—Wilson Castillon, 115, won over Glen Orlanes in 10 rounds under the promotion of Andres Ong. Fel Clementes, 127, beat Erning Grafe, 127, in 10 rounds.

▲**GEN. SANTOS CITY**—Andy Balaba, 110, badly outpointed Peter Noble, 111, in 10 rounds. William Gotera, 138, drew with Cerine Balaba, 138, in 10.

▲**CABANATUAN CITY**—Rene Cruz Jr., 119, kayoed Mar Agustin, 118, in the fifth round. It was promoted by Sammy Garcia.

▲**CEBU CITY**—Mangkorondam Muangsurin, 122, of Thailand beat San Sacristian, 123, in 10 rounds. Match promoted by Lorenzo Sy.

▲**OROQUETA CITY**—Young Fely, 129, decisioned Tony Jumao-as, 128, in 10 rounds. The fight was promoted by Bert Lagar.

▲**ANGELES, PAMPANGA**—Fred Pastor, 135, won by split decision over Little Gallego, 134, in 10 rounds. Dony Soriano, 133, won by unanimous decision over Joe Almano, 133. Promoted by Anonio Esguerra.

▲**BAGUIO CITY**—George Tam, 121, bested Marco Maste, 122. Promoted by Atty. AKGUSTIN Garcia.

▲**DAVAO CITY**—Nene Jun, 128, kayoed Dan Lawyer, 128, in the third round of the scheduled 10. Promoted by Banjamin Abat.

▲**DAVAO CITY**—Tony Co, 113, badly outpointed Wilson Castillon, 111, in 10 rounds. Nilo Acido, 122, kayoed Joey Pulido, 118, in the eighth round. It was Margarito Daramayo's promotion.

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ERWIN WILLIAMS

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veteran who holds a one-round knockout win over David Love. Williams blasted Medina into dreamland at the close of the third round with a left hook.

"I wanted the fight to last longer," Erwin later said, "but you can't pass up an opening. That's boxing."

Manager Sanford has always wanted a world champion and now, after thirty years in the business, he feels he has his best chance with Williams.

"When Erwin gets up in the morning," Sanford says, "until he goes to bed at night, he hardly thinks about anything other than being champion."

As expected, Williams, married and the father of a boy, admires his own dedication, "If zou want to be a lawyer, you got to study for years, and no fooling around. That's the same with wanting to be champion. Let's face it, good fighters don't live exciting lives."

In Williams' most recent bout he was pitted against Chuchu Garcia, a crafty boxer, well known on the west coast, with 124 fights and 85 wins. Garcia, who has passed his prime, believed that he could carry the fight into the later rounds and overcome his less experienced opponent. But the fight didn't go into the late rounds. Williams chased after Garcia from the opening bell and slowly wore him down. In the fourth a series of body shots dropped Garcia. Up at eight, he was cornered again and pounded to the midsection. Garcia dropped again, but this time he signaled the referee that he had no desire to continue.

Promoter Joe Gagliardi would like to entice Tony Licata in the near future for Williams. "I figure that a fellow like Licata is tailor made for Williams," Gagliardi said from his San Jose office. "Erwin's hand speed and assortment of punches would offset Licata's strength. And that kind of win would give Williams the needed recognition." Recently the Pacific Coast Boxing Writers Association picked Williams as Prospect of the Year.

Until Williams moves up to the next level of competition there still is that constant training, the repetition of exercises that condition a fighter. It's not an exciting life, up at dawn for roadwork, workouts, jumping rope, sit-ups; you can get more laughs by cleaning an ashtray.

"It's not glamorous work," Erwin says, "but there's few short cuts to being successful. And there's none in boxing."

Bill Sanford feels that Williams is making his move at a very opportune time; champ Monzon is obviously nearing the end of his career, and the usual scramble will follow when he departs.

"Erwin's coming along faster than I thought he would. I try to work with him closely. A lot of fighters with great talent haven't made it in this racket because they weren't managed right."

It's been ten years since Emile Griffith held the middleweight title, and in that time only four Americans (Denny Moyer, Bennie Briscoe, Griffith and Tony Licata) have been given the chance to win the title.

But nothing remains the same in boxing, and perhaps the time is coming when an American middleweight will be champion, and perhaps that future champion is climbing up in the ratings now.

BENNIE BRISCOE

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George Benton, himself a veteran of 21 years in the pro ring. I gained not only an insight into Briscoe's case, but also discovered clues that help explain the overall phenomenon.

"Number one is the physical part," explained Benton. "Some boxers are blessed from birth with a much stronger body than the adverage athlete. It's something you either have or you don't. No amount of training can build a body like Bennie's. It's a gift from God.

"Number two is mental. You have to believe in yourself. There is no room for doubt. Some fighters fail to take a loss in stride, then beat themselves the next time out. Bennie never lets a loss get him down. This very important.

"Even with these two things going for him I had to alter Bennie's style a bit when I started working with him about two years ago. I didn't really change anything, I just added some defensive improvements," concludes Benton.

Briscoe agreed with much of what his trainer and former opponent (Bennie stopped Benton in 1966) had to say.

"I have an image. I have something to prove. I feel the same way I did in my twenties. George has put four or five years onto my career, he's smartened me up without taking away from my aggressive style."

In the past few years Briscoe has spent almost as much time fighting abroad as he has at home in Philadelphia. He is especially admired in France where he is known as "The Black Robot" because of his relentless attack and immunity to punishment.

A bloody technical knockout over Jean Mateo in Paris this March has paved the way to a bout with the winner of the Monzon-Valdes rematch.

Monzon is himself 35, a fact that is often overlooked, and if Briscoe could at long last win the championship he would deservedly take his place among the greats of the ring.

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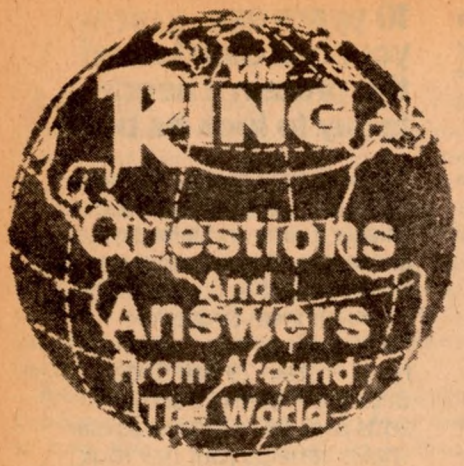

Q. A few of my friends had a friendly dispute on whether Henry Armstrong ever fought Al "Bummy" Davis. I saw the fight and they say they never fought. I would appreciate some information on this.

Arthur Dunetz
Brooklyn, N.Y.

A. You are right and your friends are wrong. Henry Armstrong knocked out Al 'Bummy' Davis in two rounds on June 15, 1944 in the Madison Square Garden ring. 16,084 fans paid $58,822 at the gate to see the slaughter. Homicide Hank dropped his man four times and Davis was so helpless, Referee Fullam did not even start the count. The time was 59 seconds of the second round.

Q. What can you tell me about a fighter named Larry Cisneros. He's now about 58 years old and I believe he fought as a lightweight. I was also told he fought for the championship around the late '40s. Who was the champ at the time?

Matt Archuleta
Lakewood, Colo.

A. Larry Cisneros was a lightweight who fought as a pro from 1937 to 1948. He was a busy fighter and most of his bouts were in the middlewest and on the west coast. He is not listed as ever having fought the lightweight champ, Ike Williams. However, while in the Armed Services, he won the Inter-Allied championship by beating PFC Omar Kouidri in Algiers on Feb. 20, 1944. He was born Sept. 17, 1917, in Questa, New Mexico. He had more than 90 bouts against some top rated lightweights before he hung up his gloves in 1948.

Q. Is it true that Jerry Quarry is the richest of all non-champion fighters? If not, who is? And what was Quarry's biggest money fight? Also, what top 10 contenders has Jerry Quarry met?

Jay Long
Long Beach, N.Y.

A. Quarry is not considered the richest of non-champ fighters. The richest (on a guess) would be Ken Norton who has three fights with Muhammad Ali and one with George Foreman. The biggest money fights for Quarry were against Ali. The first was in Atlanta, Ga. Oct. 26, 1970 and the second was held in Las Vegas on June 27, 1972. Some of the top men Quarry faced were: Brian London, Alex Miteff, Floyd Patterson, Jimmy Ellis, Joe Frazier, Muhammad Ali, Buster Mathis, George Chuvalo and Ken Norton.

Q. Did heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano ever fight Roland LaStarza of the Bronx for the title?

Jay Smith
Brooklyn, N.Y.

A. Yes. Rocky and LaStarza met twice. The first fight was in the Garden on March 24, 1950 with Marciano winning a split 10-round decision. The second meeting was for the heavyweight title on Sept. 24, 1953 when Marciano knocked out LaStarza in the 11th round of the scheduled 15-rounder.

Q. How many time did Kid Gavilan and Billy Graham meet as welterweights and what was the overall outcome?

Al Buff,
Hicksville, N.Y.

A. Gavvy and Graham met four times in all with Gavilan winning three and Graham one. Graham won the first (Feb. 10, 1950) on a split 10-round decision; Gavilan won the second (Nov. 17, 1950) also a split 10-round verdict; the third meeting was for the welterweight championship at the Garden on Aug. 29, 1951. It was won by Gavilan in another 15-round split decision which became one of the most controversial verdicts of its time; the fourth and final meeting (also for the title) was at Havana, Cuba, on Oct. 5, 1952. Gavilan won a unanimous 15-round decision.

Q. Did Doug Jones of New York ever fight Muhammad Ali? If so, what year and what was outcome, please?

Lou Patrick
Macon, Ga.

A. Yes. Doug Jones lost a split decision to Ali, who was then fighting under the name of Cassius Clay on March 13, 1963. Two fights later (Feb. 25, 1964) Clay won the world heavyweight championship with a seventh-round kayo over Sonny Liston.

Q. Did Willie Pastrano ever hold the light heavyweight championship? If so when did he win it?

James Troy
Queens, N.Y.

A. Pastrano won the light heavyweight championship by beating Harold Johnson on June 1, 1963, at Las Vegas, Nev. a 15-round decision. In his defense of the crown, he stopped Gregorio Peralta in six (Apr., 1964) and halted Terry Downes (Nov. 1964) in 11. He lost the title to Jose Torres (kayo in 9) on March 30, 1965 and retired after the fight.

Q. Did a welterweight named Doug Ratford ever beat Kid Gavilan in the late Forties? I say no, my friend says yes—for a small wager. Please advise.

James Wicks,
Yulan, N.Y.

A. You lose. Doug Ratford holds two 10-round decisions over Kid Gavilan. He beat Gavvy in Newark on Sept. 2, 1947 and won again (10-round decision) on Apr. 13, 1948 at the Broadway Arena in Brooklyn.

Q. What was the shortest reign of a champion in the lightweight division?

George Barum
Amityville, N.Y.

A. The guy who spent the least amount of time on the lightweight throne was Al Singer of New York who had an abbreviated stay of three months and 28 days. On July 17, 1930, Singer won the lightweight title with a first round knockout over Sammy Mandell. On Nov. 14 of the same year, he lost the title when he was knocked out by Tony Canzoneri in the first round. Both bouts were held in New York City.

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I recently had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Walcott and found him to be friendly, a gentleman and a credit to boxing.

Sal Rappa
New York, N.Y.

MARCIANO THE GREATEST?

Reference is made to the letter from Dante J. Dattoli of Pompano Beach, Florida in your April 1977 issue.

He quotes, "Everyone he fought was well over 200 lbs and over 6 feet tall." This statement is inaccurate for the RING Record indicates the following:

1. La Starza, 5-10½; 2. Moore, 5-11; but no weights listed; 3. Walcott, 6, weight: 194 lbs; 4. Charles, 6, weight: 182 lbs; 5. Louis, 6, weight: 200 lbs.

Then Mr. Dattoli goes on to say, "Ali took the title from 38-year-old Liston," Well, in the same respect, how about Rocky taking the title from Walcott who was just 4 months short of his 39th birthday, fighting a 39-year-old Moore, a 37-year-old Louis and a 33-year-old Charles. As Mr. Manley justifibly points out in his letter, these fighters were well past their prime when Rocky fought them, truly no fault of his.

How can he say that Ali has been fighting "has-beens" ever since the Liston scrap. Ali hasn't been protected and he's ducked nobody. Its an insult to classify Patterson, Cooper, Bonavena, Quarry, Williams, Terrell, Folley, Chuvalo and Ellis as "has-beens." They certainly all earned their dues.

The way Rocky left himself open, I'm not so sure he would have survived the awesome punching power of Liston or Williams, overcome the stamina and hearts of Chuvalo or Bonavena and finally the explosiveness of Frazier.

Now if you want to talk about run-of-the-mill fighters, then how about some of the guys Rocky fought like Layne, Beshore, Buonvino, Reynolds, Applegate, Simmons, aging Savold and overated Matthews who was really a lightheavy. Stop and ponder for a moment, Mr. Dattoli, now who really fought as you quote "has-beens"? Do you honestly believe that Ali would have had any trouble with the above opponents?

Capt Joel Lipsitt's letter also points out some fighters that I've wondered about, too, like Satterfield, Henry, Bivins, Valdes, Maxim and Brion. They were around the same time as Rocky. Those legends about Rocky's bouts with Ted Lowry are well known in this area; they deserve a lot of merit. . . .And how can one say that Louis fought the "over-the-hill gang"; truly a irresponsible statement for any true fight fan to make.

In conclusion I say that the great ones stay around so long because they basically can box extremely well, and avoid continual heavy punishment to the face and head. Rocky certainly didn't have these attributes; his style wouldn't permit it so he had to pay the price and retire with just 49 bouts. He was truly a great and outstanding champ but far from the greatest. . . .To say who is the greatest is indeed very difficult; all that can be said is take a look at Rocky's face when he retired and take a look at Al's face presently. That should indicate something about boxing skills.

Manuel R. Lunguica
Fall River, Mass.

FREE OBSERVATION

Permit me to share a point of view with those of us in the "free world" interested in professional athletics. And, I use the term "free world" with great reservation.

It occurs to me that "Professional Athlete of the Century" consciously goes to Muhammad Ali, hands down.

To the extent the entire world, "free" or otherwise, is all about money and power: every athlete, present and future, should acknowledge that a large part of his affluence is due to the fact that Muhammad Ali is most responsible for giving him his current value in the market place.

Saul Kaplan
Topanga, California

CREATE A NEW CLASS?

I have an idea that strikes me as a constructive one which would create interest in the heavier weight classes and make those divisions more active.

We may or may not have another charismatic heavyweight after Ali retires and so interest in the heavier divisions may be more dependent on keen, even competition rather than on personality and exhibition of a master. I'm sure this idea is not new but I hope to breathe some life into an old idea.

The idea is to create another division between the light heavyweight division and the present heavyweight division. Let's create a division between 175 and 195 pounds and call it the heavyweight division/And call the present heavyweight division the heavy-heavyweight division. This would create fights like Bob Foster vs. Jimmy Ellis which would make a more interesting pairing than the Foster vs. Ali fight. Also, a lot of fine athletes would be boxing who are natural 190 pounders who now find themselves in the position of being too big for one division and too small for the other.

J. Khng
Long Beach, Calif.

WHO IS HARDEST PUNCHING MIDDLE?

I was reading your interesting article in July, 1977 issue about middleweight Tony Chiaverini from Kansas City. He is presently ranked 10th in the U.S. ratings and deservedly so. It's quite an achievement to knock out 7th ranked Tony Gardner in the second round.

As a Phoenix resident and boxing fan, we have an upcoming Jr. middleweight named Edgar "Bad News" Wallace who punches like a heavyweight. Wallace is a fine boxer who, on June 15, 1977, put Tony Gardner on his can just 30 seconds after the first bell and registered a TKO just 59 seconds into the fight.

Gardner told Chiaverini he was the hardest punching middleweight in the U.S. and he told Wallace he was the hardest punching middleweight in the world, and felt no one could keep him from the title.

Hoping that Edgar "Bad News" Wal-

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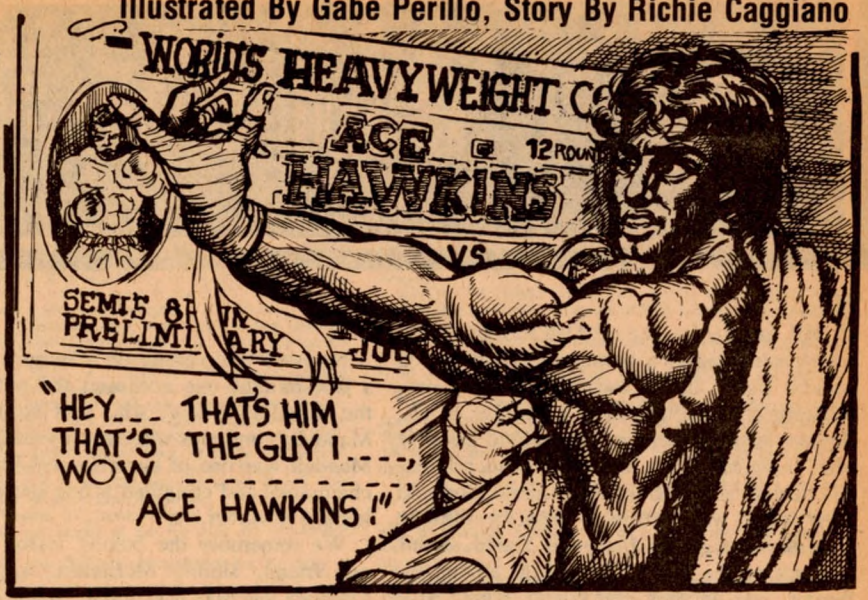

UP AND DOWN

Old Broadway

By SAM TAUB

THE sudden passing of Alex Koskowitz, a boxer, a manager, a furrier by trade, and a popular figure in his own right among outstanding personalities, was a shocker to all. He was in his sixties and left behind his wife Min, three daughters and four grandchildren. His funeral at the Riverside Funeral Home in New York was before a capacity turnout, with the eulogy by his good friend, Frank Geherty of the F.B.I. Attending, among the throng, was another dear friend, Capt. Artie Deutsch, of the Coney Island Police Station, and his wife Elaine. Many of the members from boxing were present including Matchmaker Teddy Brenner, of Madison Square Garden, and former matchmakers, Billy Brown and Jack Barrett, a dear friend. Alex was a wonderful human being and a standout manager, his fistic star being Doug Jones who lost to Muhammad Ali. The boxing beat and business world will long remember this grand man.

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Speaking of the passing of Alex, reminds us that two former stars of the fistic world who also have been taken by the Grim Reaper. One was Bat Battalino, of Hartford, Conn., former featherweight champion, a standout in his era, and Joe Baksi, 55, who succumbed in the Albany Medical Center after a battle with cancer. Baksi never was champion but he made good stands against former kingpins, Jersey Joe Walcott and Ezzard Charles. More about the passing of these former ring favorites will appear in the Ring.

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Lippy Breitbart, who has been associated with the boxing game since 1930 and who had a great heavyweight prospect in Hurricane Jackson until Floyd Patterson upset his applecart, is on his way to Israel with his pal, Izzy Katz, for the purpose of discovering a Jewish heavyweight to bring back to America.

Lippe recently has been affiliated with Tony Carrione and Ray Skariko, who have been managing Vito Antuofermo, Italian middleweight, Bill Sharkey, a local heavyweight, and the Italian lightweight, Dominick Monaco. Truth to tell, Lippy has been on the fight scene for a long while. His business tag was a furrier and for awhile he was with the late Alex Koskowitz.

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News of the passing of a Sammy Mandell a few months ago confused the public with the Rockford Sheik, who was born Samuel Mandella, and was managed by Eddie Kane. Mandell was one of our cleverest lightweight champions and compiled a fine record during his active career.

We remember the boxing lesson he gave our friend, Jimmy McLarnin, in the Polo Grounds on May 21, 1928, when they battled for the crown. Mandell had won the lightweight title by scoring a ten round decision over Rocky Kansas in Chicago on July 2, 1926, Mandell met them all, the greats of his era, with a total of 168 bouts, and the list of his victims include the outstanding names of his day.

The ex-lightweight king died at Oak Park, Illinois, Nov. 8, 1934. His complete ring record: Total bouts 168. KO's 28, Won by decision, 53, won on foul 1, draw, 8, KO'd 8 times, lost decisions 11 and lost 1 on a foul.

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Many strange stories are connected with boxing. An oddity is the case of Lou Salica, who was twice bantam king, and his pal, Gus Genova, of 2814 Harway Avenue, in the Gravesend Avenue bay section of Brooklyn, a famous tonsorial artist now 70 years old. Gus used to take care of Lou's hair makeup before fights. He was a family friend of the Salicas and loved to be around Lou before fights and to watch him in action. He also loved to run with Lou when the champion was training for a fight. Those were the happy days back in 1932. They still are very warm friends and Gus is still a veritable fight buff.

One of the stories they tell is what happened at the old Pioneer Gymnasium on West 44th St., between 8th and 9th Avenues, when Charkey Doessereck was the boss. Lou Salica was looking for a manager. He remembers the talk when Sammy Goldman, manager of the great Tony Canzoneri at the time, might become his manager. Truth to tell, Salica had a two round workout against Tony Canzoneri, which thrilled Lou. However it didn't materialize and Salica, from Oliver Street first and then Brooklyn, finally became a protege of the late Hymie Kaplan back in 1932. And they enjoyed a beautiful friendship for years, during which time Salice twice became the world's bantam king.

Genova talks about the old days when Salica was getting started, the many good times they had when Young Otto, a lightweight star in his early days, was part of the New York amateur setup as a referee. On his 60th birthday, Salica was presented by Gus with the gloves he used when he won the crown from Sixto Escobar and the gloves when he beat Steve Eneckes for the 1932 Olympic flyweight crown.

Speaking of Lou Salica, when his three time opponent, and also twice bantam king, Sixto Escobar, was in New York, they appeared at a Madison Square Garden boxing show. Sixto along with Bill Daley, well known fight manager, and Angel Olizersas, a Puerto Rico Boxing man, paid a visit to Salica at the Holiday Inn, Wildwood Crest, N.J. where Luigi and his family, including his children and grandchildren were on a holiday.

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There was talk following Carlos Monzon's fifteen round win over Rodriguez Valdes of Columbia in Monte Carlo that he was hanging up his gloves to follow a motion picture career. This time he says he means it. Time will tell. Reports also have it that lightweight king, Roberto Duran, is also thinking of hanging up his gloves.

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Just for the record, Thomas Sciurba, 89 years young, a one time fight manager and friend of newsmen and Judges, passed away last August. For many years he was chief of the old Yorkville Magistrates Court on East 57th St.

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While we're writing about our out-of-town boxing pals, we received a note the other day from our long time pal, Lou Jalles, former boxer of note and associated with the Detroit Boxing Commission, where he was a great referee. He reminded there was an error made in the passing of Morrie Sherman, a great performer, who inadvertently was called Morrie Schleifer. Here's the latest from Lou:

"Ring #32, (VBA) held its annual banquet on the twelfth of June and I was honored with a very nice placque for my 38

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HALLACY OUTPOINTS CLAY

By RON COPHER

CHICAGO—The "Fighting Fireman" from Wichita, Kansas, Irish Mike Hallacy journeyed to the Aragon Ballroom where he was outpointed by Al Clay of Chicago in a 10-round middleweight bout. Hallacy's record is now 12-3 in the pro ranks.

▲MEMPHIS—At the Riverfront Holiday Inn Former National Golden Gloves heavyweight champion Ron Draper of Kansas City, Mo., dropped a six-round decision to Memphis fighter Robert Echols.

▲LITTLE ROCK—The Arkansas Tournament of Champions brought together amateur standouts from eight states. The tournament, which had a two night run at Barton Coliseum, had as it's long range purpose to boost some Arkansas boxer toward the 1980 Olympic Games at Moscow.

Fred Jackson, Little Rock, ranked number three in the country, won the 112 pound championship with a decision over Mike Cox of Birmingham, Ala. Mark Gordon of Webb City, Mo., won a unanimous decision over Larry Daniels of Warren, Ark., in the 119 lb. class. In the 125 pound class Frank Daniels of Ruston, La., defeated Steve Mendoza of Fort Worth, Texas. In the 132 pound division it was a battle of Little Rock fighters as Robert Jackson unanimously decisioned Bob Sanders. Anthony Releford of Fort Worth won the 139 pound division title with a knockout of Kenny Williams of Little Rock at 1:07 of the first. Harold Britton of Little Rock won the closest decision of the night in the 147 pound class. Britton won a split decision over Jesse Sorrels of Nashville, Tenn. In the 156 pound class Mike McCallum, an ex-Jamaican Olympic fighter at Montreal who now lives in Nashville, Tenn., easily knocked out Larry Cotton of Birmingham, Ala., in the second. Clifford May of Clarksville, Ark., won a unanimous decision over Michael Rutledge of Birmingham, Ala., in the 165 pound class. William Brigham of Ruston, La., soundly defeated James Spears of Nashville to win the 178 pound championship. In he heavyweight division Mike Bowers of Nashville defeated James "Quick" Tillis of Tulsa, Okla. Bowers, 20, who won the Southeastern AAU and Mid-South Golden Gloves titles last winter was the aggressor throughout all three rounds.

▲OKLA. CITY—World ranked Sean O'Grady had a rude homecoming awaiting him as he met Ricardo "The Kangeroo" Flores of Mexico City in his first bout since his victory over Davey Vasquez in Madison Square Garden.

O'Grady, a 18-year old bantamweight, had to get off the canvas to knock out Flores at the Ramada Inn Convention Center here.

The first round saw O'Grady concentrating on the body of the Mexican fighter.

Round two saw Flores continue to be punished to the body by the lanky O'Grady. The Irishman was coming forward at Flores with his hands held low when the virtually unknown Mexican stunned O'Grady, and he partisan hometown crowd, with an overhand right to the head.

O'Grady pitched forward to the canvas, obviously dazed by the blow. It was his first trip to the canvas in a 50-bout professional career. However O'Grady, showing the mark of an outstanding fighter. climzed back to his feet and went to work on Flores. Flores was caught with a series of punches that ended with a right hook to the jaw that floored the Meico City fighter for the count.

In a middleweight bout scheduled for six-rounds, Quapaw, Okla., product Tony McMinn posted a third-round TKO victory over Mickey Banks of Okla. City.

In the first of three 4-round preliminary bouts Don Bolden of Okla. City made a successful pro debut as he scored a unanimous decision over Levi Swain of Okla. City in a heavyweight match.

In a middleweight bout Wayne Lewis of Okla. City won a unanimous decision over Paul Knight of Ardmore, Okla. Knight was making his pro debut.

16-year old Dennis Horn of Putnam City, Okla., made his pro debut a successful one as he punched out a unanimous decision over Steve Channell of Edmond, Okla., middles.

▲BLOOMINGTON, minn.—Overland Park, Kansas heavyweight Roy Rodriguez traveled to the Met Center where he lost a 4-round decision to Lon Hokanson, 215, of Minneapolis.

▲NEW ORLEANS—Joplin, Mo., fighter Billy Pearish met defeat here as Warren Mathews of New Orleans was awarded a TKO victory in the third round.

In the first round the 26-year odl Mathews sent Pearish to the canvas with a long right to the head. Another right to the head dropped the 22-year old Pearish again in the second round.

The third round saw more of the same as Pearish was again dropped from a right to the head and the referee halted the contest at 2:14 of the third when Mathews, who weighed 130½, knocked down Pearish, 133, for the fourth time of the night.

The win brought Mathews record to 23-3. Pearish's pro record fell to 12-2.

▲TOPEKA, KANSAS—Professional boxing returned here after an absence of over a year as local favorite Tony Chiaverini hammered out a third round knockout win over Alfonso Aguirre of Mexico and San Antonio, Texas.

Chiaverini, first made a name for himself here as an All-Conference linebacker at Washburn University.

The Shawnee, Kansas fighter was effective with his jab and uppercuts which set up his southpaw left hand punch which knocked out Aguirre, 163, at 2:49 of the third round.

In a scheduled six round preliminary bout Ivy Brown of Kansas City scored a knockout over Roberto Reynosa at 2:21 of three.

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WALLACE KO'S MOSLEY

By SHIRLEY NORMAN

Edgar "Bad News" Wallace, 158, of Phoenix Arizona, proved to be an extra edition of bad news for local favorite, Rocky Mosley, 157½, as the two clashed for the Nevada State middleweight title.

Wallace won the title as he landed a lethal right jab to Mosley's jaw at 39 seconds of the fourth round—a blow that left Mosley unconscious for a full five minutes.

"I figured out by the second round that a right jab would be the way to get him", said Wallace in a post-fight interview. "He was fighting with his guard down, figuring he could outmaneuver me. He just didn't realize how fast I am."

Mosley obviously counted on his own agility and swiftness to out-maneuver his more muscular opponent. Mosley spent the first three rounds dancing around the ring, moving away from Wallace, and throwing some ineffectual left jabs.

Wallace, however, on the advice of his trainers, took the fight inside; and set Mosley up for the final knockdown.

The ecstatic Wallace, clutching his middleweight title trophy, screamed from the ring: "Colbert, you're next! And, after Colbert, I want Monzon. I can beat any middleweight in the World!"

A 10-round semi-main event pitted Germain Cuello, 138¼, the lightweight champion of the Dominican Republic against Leonardo "Chino" Bermudez, 138, of Culican, Mexico.

Cuello managed an easy and unaninous decision over the listless Bermudez . . . who could not counter the Dominican's jabs and right hand leads.

A scheduled six-round opener was stopped at 2:35 of the fifth round when Dwight Davis, 159½ of Detroit, pounded his opponent, Marvin Sanders, 159½ of Los Angeles, with a series of jabs and combinations.

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Nick Perez, 132, of Tucson, Arizona, won a split decision over Elias Rodriguez, 135, of Mesa, Arizona; and Horace Shufford of Las Vegas won a unanimous decision over Curtis Lewis of Los Angeles.

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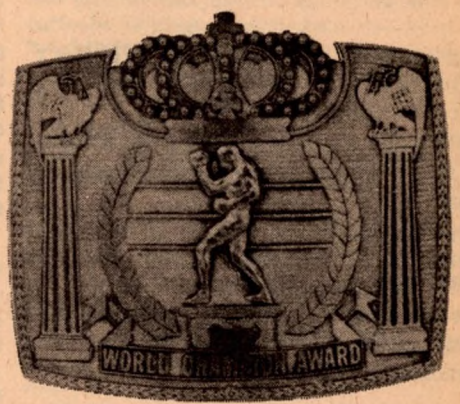

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MATTIOLI-DAGGE

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meals. When entering the ring he was fighting for both Italy and Australia, he said. He still likes to visit Australia regularly. Spaghetti is not his favorite dish, he prefers a juicy steak. With the fight over, Mattioli hopes to marry his fianee, 19-year-old Silvia Moroni, a swimming teacher.

The main supporting bout to the Mattioli-Dagge world title fight was a European welterweight championship bout between champion, Jorgen Hansen (66.2) and German Jorg Eipel (66.4). Hansen, from Denmark, (33) was disqualified in round thirteen by referee, Kurt Rado, Austria, who ruled the champion was guilty of butting. At 19 Eipel must be Europe's youngest champion ever. Hansen had been very careless with his head and had already received a couple of warnings.

In the ninth Eipel's right eyebrow was split wide open during a close quarter session. Eipel blamed Hansen's head for the laceration. The third man and the ringside doctor inspected the cut and appeared to be ready to call a halt. Europe's cut eye specialist, Henk Ruhling, Holland, was called to the scene and repaired the damage.

When the bell sounded for round thirteen Eipel was exploring new territory, for he had never fought over twelve rounds before. After another clash of heads Rado sent Hansen to his corner and disqualified him. By the book of rules Rado's action cannot be faulted, but considering Eipel was behind on points from Berlin to Copenhagen, Rado was extremely hard on the Dane whose title appeared to be in safe keeping.

In my view the fight came too soon for the talented but inexperienced German who has had but twenty starts. Had Hansen not been disqualified Eipel would never have been crowned champion of Europe. When Eipel joined the paid ranks on September 6th, 1975, Hansen had already had 42 fights including a WBC title fight with Italian Bruno Arcari, which he lost by a KO in five.

Other supporting bouts follow: Junior welter. Germany's junior middleweight champion, Frank Wissenbach (71.5), who was having his first outing since losing a European title fight to Maurice Hope in May last, outscored ex-welterweight champion Fighting Mack, Curacao, (71.4), over eight rounds. Wissenbach, 20, came out a good winner.

Middleweight. 20-year-old Rene Zeller, Germany (72.5), beat the German based Italian Antonio Rimasti (72.2) with a TKO4. Zeller lost only one of his 17 starts whereas the 34-year-old Rimasti, suffered his 15th defeat in 17 starts.

Junior welterweight. Marian Benes, Yugoslavia, former European amateur champion with four losses in 240 bouts, made his professional debut and outscored Clemente Tshinza, Zaire, over four rounds. This wild puncher from Yugoslavia who has a good chance of winning a Euro crown in the paid ranks, was careless in the first heat and visited the canvas.

MONZON-VALDES

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Referee Dakin and the two judges, Halbach and Poletti, all had Monzon in front. Their scorecards read: 144-141, 147-44 and 145-143, respectively.

It looks like this fight was Monzon's last engagement. He is undefeated in 13 years. After more than a hundred bouts Monzon does not enjoy training any longer.

Discovered by Amilca Brusa, the latter has managed Monzon ever since.

The champion, who appears to like the movie business more than boxing nowadays, is exceptionally tall for a middle and has a very long reach. He is very popular with the mink and diamonds audience in Monte Carlo.

The Colombian, Rodrigo Valdes, managed by Gil Glancy, was supported by many who felt he had been unlucky last time out against Monzon not to have gotten the verdict.

THE WASHINGTON BEAT

By ED SCULLEN

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Boxing in the National Capitol Area is once again in a lull. Area fans can take some consolation that one of the Capital Centre dates was for the World's Heavyweight Championship—Ali vs Evangelista.—but the periodic gaps and lulls in the sport only spell trouble.

There have been some notable attempts to resurrect boxing on a regular basis, the most recent of which was Frank Belb's North American Boxing Federation championships. This was a cable TV set-up and there was nothing wrong with the headline attractions which included a Ralph Palladin—Irish Gene Wells middleweight bout, a Ronnie McGarvey-Miguel Meza matchup and a scheduled Leo (Kid Saenz—Jimmy Savage go for which Bob Payton was a last-minute sub, but the Capital Centre affair drew a scant 2,000, which most observers here feel was due to the very limited and short publicity campaign conducted by the promoters.

Recently, the local professional ranks were swelled by the debut of heavyweight Golden Gloves semi-finalist Dave Johnson of nearby Seat Pleasant, Md. Johnson is a 6' 5", 240-pound prospect who combines size, strength, stamina and desire in equal proportions.

LARGO, MD.—Before a Capital Centre crowd of about 3,000 middleweight Ralph Palladin of Lanham, Md. easily outsistanced Irish Gene Wells, Orlando, Fla. over 12 rounds. In a co-feature featherweight 12-rounder, Rennie McGarvy, Adelphi, Md. stopped Miguel Meza, Los Angeles at 2:46 of round 6.

The co-feature feather contest provided a ton more of excitement and the fans were standing in the aisles at the bloody conclusion. McGarvey, fighting for the first time since his loss three months ago to WBC champ Alfredo Escalera, looked good but he still had his hands full with Meza who continued to press forward throughout the bout.

Southpaw McGarvey began opening up in the third round landing powerful rights to the head and an occasional body punch. The shorter Meza seemed unfazed and continued to shuffle after his opponent while directing his punches primarily to the body. In the next round the Angelino's face was reddened and he began to bleed from the moth as McGarvey landed a series of powerful lefts. The pace slowed somewhat in the fifth round, but McGarvey now began putting together combinations against the visibly suffering Meza. The beginning of the end came early in the sixth when McGarvey pinned Meza on the ropes and nailed him with a jolting left-right combination. Meza fought back, but a quantity of blood now began to escape from his mouth. McGarvey kept up the pursuit, landing punches almost at will until referee Tom Kelly called a halt. Meza said afterwards that he was swallowing blood and felt sick. McGarvey weighed 124½; Meza 126.

In a 10-round middleweight bout, Lee "Kid" Saenz, always a big favorite here, stopped Bob Payton, 161, Arlington, Va. at 2:27 of round 5.

In the preliminaries: Ira Martin, 224, Baltimore decisioned Matt Robinson, 214, Hyattsville. Frank Elam, 175, New York left-hooked Leonard Langley, 175, Landover into submission at 1:15 one. Langley was Washington's 1977 light heavyweight Golden Gloves champ.

RINGSIDE WITH "Sailor" Don Sauer

By DON SAUER

HE didn't look much like the featherweight contender who just missed becoming a world champion twice—as he sat in the living room of his North Hollywood, California home. . .but FRANKIE CRAWFORD is still fighting, this time for his life. FRANKIE tips the Fairbanks at merely 110 pounds—was down to 90 pounds not too long ago—. It was almost a year ago that he weighed in at 142 and was training in Las Vegas for a comeback when a bullet from a .45 fired at close range struck him in the back following an altercation with his trainer. . . . After the shooting he contacted pneumonia and hepatitis—his faithful wife DIANE and their sons, FRANK, JR. 10, and GEOFFEREY, 7, never gave up hope—and it would appear now as if their players have been answered—yes, FRANKIE CRAWFORD, never one for giving up—inside the ring or out—has fought back—and he's going to make it.!!

Now that SEAN O'GRADY is a top contender, daddy, PAT has imported veteran trainer, BOBBY O'DOWD in from Hawaii to work with his talented son—O'DOWD boxed for my good friend, PINKIE GEORGE, now based in Des Moines in his hey-day—and did alright for himself. . .a knowledgeable boxing man!! O'DOWD also has a contract (boxer-manager) with CHRIS FERNANDEZ—CHRIS has plenty of class and a good record—. . .

Congratulations to my good friend ANGELO DUNDEE—ANGIE was inducted as the first trainer in the Italian-American Boxing Hall of Fame at Chicago—the home base of the Hall. . .another honor for this gentleman who has garnered so many in boxing over the years—! Boxers on hand for the meeting were ROCKY GRAZIANO, JAKE LaMOTTA and SAMMY ANGOTT, all former kings of the ring—. . .BOB SATTERFIELD dead at the age of just 53 in Chicago—SATTERFIELD died of cancer. . . .RONNIE HARRIS is awesome—a great fighter—is the former Olympic medalist—HOWARD DAVIS has it all and there will be no stopping him to the top. . .MIKE ROSSMAN can punch with a right hand—he will beat a lot of light-heavyweights before he is through—but not VICTOR GALINDEZ. . . .all young, fistic prospects.

The passing of SAM SILVERMAN leaves a deep void in boxing in New England. . .no one can replace SAM—he did it all,

Frankie Crawford who is back on the road to health after a long illness

matchmaker—promoter—even set up the ring. . . .sort of like the late JACK HURLEY who did the same for boxing in the great northwest—.

BOONE KIRKMAN, a winner over RON STANDER in Seattle—quite an interesting entry into the ring. His mother, MARGUERITE told me recently—when BOONE came down the isle into the ring for the STANDER fight—they turned off all the lights in the arena, and put the spotlight on KIRKMAN—then played the theme song to ROCKY—she was very impressed—now MARGUERITE says "I have to see the movie ROCKY—which I missed thus far". . .This is BOONE's third comeback—we wish him well—he does draw money in Seattle—. . . .MARK FANNON, who at one time was editor of the New England Ring Review back in the forties, now moved to Deland, Fla.—and retired from the teaching profession, is back in boxing. . . .he has a kid named JIMMY JAY JOWERS, former 1976 welterweight champion of the 82nd Division at Ft. Bragg, who is appearing around Orlando, Fla. . . .JOWERS is training under FANNON's watchful eye at Nolan's Gym in Lake Helen, 5 miles out of DeLand, Florida.

Look for middleweight TONY LICATA to return to the ring after a very successful back operation—TONY will fight around the end of October. . . .IRISH GENE WELIS, serving a seven year term Florida State Prison Reception Center at Lake Butler, took a bride. When GENE and SUZIE SAMS took their matrimonial vows. . . .it was a quickie affair—no rings, rice or even the prospect of a honeymoon. . . .and they are likely to be apart for quite a while. . . .JACK DEMPSEY Museum opened at Hesperia, California by daughter JOAN with the boxing fraternity in attendance. . . .ROBERT DeNIRO will play JAKE LaMOTTA in the film the "Raging Bull"., a movie of his life—VINCENT COBB, son of LEE J. COBB is slated to play TONY ZALE. . .KEN NORTON suggested for the role of BATTLING SIKI in a film later this year about the former champion. . . .DAVEY ARMSTRONG will soon joing the "punch for pay ranks" under the aegis of ANGELO DUNDEE—. . . .TY AND MIKES GOLDEN GLOVES is a bar at 1547 S. 31st St., in Philadelphia—it is owned by the late TYRONE EVERETT, and brother MIKE is now the sole proprietor. . . .JOHNNY DUNN, the veteran Boston fight trainer has hit his 70th milestone—JOHNNY worked with top notchers for years.

MICKEY "THE KID" DAVIES former top notch promoter and matchmaker on the coast, now has a radio show Saturdays at 4 p.m. titled "Sports Page of the Air" over K.D.H.I. in California. . . .Congratulations to AL CLEMENTE, veteran Boston boxing trainer—he just passed his 80th birthday—AL has been around the fight game for almost 60 years—!! TONY GALENTO, former heavyweight contender of the thirties and forties—had his left leg amputated at the calf—he is plagued with diabetes—we wish TWO TON TONY (not that heavy anymore) a complete and speedy recovery—he's all heart—. . . .It is now forty years ago that JOE LOUIS knocked out the late, game JIMMY BRADDOCK in Chicago to become the new champ. Where did those last forty years go—??? NAT FOREMAN, New York fight manager died at the age of 70 years. . . .When TONY CHAVERINI, the Kansas City middleweight duked Boston's VINNIE CURTO in a close one at K.C., the gate was a whopping $60,000 which proves that CHAVERINI can pack 'em in out there. . . . .

The SPINKS BROTHERS, who fight out of St. Louis, almost wiped out the boxing promoter in Montreal in their last showing there—they are demanding and sometimes getting exhorbitant fees for their services, ditto for SUGAR RAY LEONARD—and the other former Olympic stars—. . .they should learn their trade a bit more—then demand the big purses, this is not good for the game—when you have other youngsters coming up who are boxing for short money—and they too keep boxing alive—!! AL BACHMAN booking American boxers

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By DON FRASER

Muniz Upset by Palacios

SEVEN world rated boxers mixed it up: Frankie Baltazar, junior lightweight, beat Delfino Rodriguez; fly Alberto Sandoval decisioned Alberto Morales; Danny Lopez, W.B.C. feather king kayoed Jose Olivares; Hawaii's undefeated lightweight Andrew Ganigan halted Juan Garcia and on the under-card of the Cuevas-Gray bout, welterweight Armando Muniz was upset by Mexico's Jose Palacios and junior lightweight Bazooka Limon, Mexico, stopped Mar Basa.

▲SAN DIEGO—Former WBC featherweight champion Bobby Chacon finally got to Alejandro Lopez of Tijuana in the seventh round of their 10-rounder at the Coliseum.

The 25-year-old Chacon had the Mexican veteran out of his feet from a series of lefts and rights when the bell came to Lopez' aid.

Before the bell could sound for the eighth, Lopez' cornermen decided their charge had taken too much punishment.

Chacon weighed 133½, and it was his ninth win out of ten starts since he lost his title to Ruben Olivares. Lopez weighed 132.

The gate was $6640.

Other results: Marvin Saunders, 158, Los Angeles, decisioned Len Vanisi, 163, Samoa, (6); Hedgemon Robinson, 143, Los Angeles, KO'd Arturo Reyes, 141, Mexico, (1); Bert Lee, 149, San Diego, and Curtis Lee, 151, Los Angeles, drew (4); Irish Spud Murphy, 126¼, San Diego, decisioned Maurico Garcia, 128, Los Angeles, (4).

Welterweight Armando Muniz, Los Angeles, was outpointed by Jose Palacios, Mexico, over 10 rounds.

▲LOS ANGELES—Frankie Baltazar, 132, scored knockdowns in the first and sixth rounds to win a ten round nod over Delfino Rodrigez, 132, Mexico.

Companion ten, Rafael Nunez, Mexicali, halted Japan's Teruyoshi Noji, in five; Dan Veskovic, 161, beat Robby Epps, 5; Salvatore Gonzalez, 127, outpointed Japan's Tosh Goya, 5.

▲LOS ANGELES—Rafael Nunez, 138, Mexicali, made two in a row over the last 25 days with a 10 round nod over Tury Pineda, Mexico, 139.

Antonio Adam halted Johnny Morgan in another 10 rounder. Adam's winning via knockout at 1:30 of the second round. They are middleweights.

David Barrera, 120, kayoed Arturo Felix, 117, 4; Howard Jackson, 138, halted Genaro Gloria, 138, 5; Sal Gonzalez, 126¼, technical decision over Joe Sandoval, 124; Herman Montes, 136½, halted Jose Rodrigez, 134, 5.

▲LOS ANGELES—Alberto Sandoval, 113¼, beat Mexico's Alberto Morales, 113¼, in ten rounds.

Another ten bantamweight Freddie Gonzalez, 117, halted Raul Ochoa, 117, 5; Art Frias stopped Juan Arcos in 3, lightweights.

▲SAN DIEGO—W.B.C. featherweight king Danny Lopez, Los Angeles, 128¼, kayoed Jose Olivares, 128, in the second round of a tune-up bout, before his next defense against Dave Poison Kotey.

Oscar Muniz, 118, stopped Raul Pacheco, 116, 10th; Leni Vanisi, 167, beat Frakie Gastelum, 159¼, 6; Curtis Lewis, 148, stopped Mack Britton, 143½, 1; Santos Nunez, 111, halted by Joey Olivo, 109, 6.

▲LOS ANGELES—Andy Ganigan, Hawaii, 136, kayoed Juan Garcia, 136¼, in the eighth round.

Manuel Castellanos, 126, was halted by Rene Silva, 127¼, 3; Rodrigo Aguirre, 129, kayoed Fermin Navarro, 2; Ken Croom, 149½, knocked out Joey Robles, 145, 1.

▲LOS ANGELES—The undercard of the Cuevas-Gray W.B.A. welterweight title bout had a major upset when Jose Palacios, 149, Mexico, outpointed Armando Muniz, Los Angeles, 10; Rafael Limon, Mexico, 130, kayoed Mar Basa, 131, third.

Other bouts: Mando Franco, 110, halted Eleazar Ramos, 114, 2, and Carlos Cortez, 122, stopped Victor Cortez, 122, 5.

▲LOS ANGELES—Alberto Cabanig, 116, Philippines upset Ernesto Rios, 117, via kayo in three; Alex Alatorre, 127,

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FARRELL WINS NEW ENGLAND FEATHER TITLE

By DON HAMILL

BOSTON GARDEN—Jimmy Farrell, 123, Rockland, squeaked out a close ten round split decision over Danny Tratzinski, 124, Brockton, to win the New England featherweight title. Referee Jimmy McCarron penalized Tratzinski for holding in two of the rounds which seemed to make the margin of victory.

Tommy Rose, 138, Sherborn, destroyed Danny Rivera, 135, Albany, in the first round of a scheduled ten rounder. In another slated ten, Jimmy Corkum, 145, Brockton, was comfortably ahead on points when Jim Henry, 152, Montreal, had to bow out with a mouth injury in the fourth round. In fours: Mike Rae, 135, Brockton, decisioned Peter Boges, 131, Albany; Dom DiMarzo, 160, East Boston, stopped Rodney Black, 165, Clinton, in the first round; and Austin Killeen, 160, Fitchburg, halted Paul St. Louis, 160, Lawrence, in the final session.

▲PORTLAND—Exposition Building—Macka Foley, 201, Portland, made his first appearance before the local fans in 18 months and stopped Johnny Blaine, 189, Bridgeport, in the fifth round of their scheduled eight round main event. Foley outboxed his ever-dangerous opponent until the fifth round. Body blows hurt and dropped Blaine who went down for the third and final time from a left hook to the chin.

Leo DiFiore, 140, Portland, flattened Rickey Craney, 134½, Bath, in the fourth of a scheduled ten rounder for the Maine Junior Welterweight championship. A left hook to the chin dropped Craney for the full count. In a battle between women boxers, Margie Dunstan, 162, Portland, stopped Cathy Russo, 155, also of Portland, in the fifth round; Mike LaPointe, 247, Thomaston, scored a clean knockout in the first heat over Dennis Friel, 228, Bowdoinham; Bill Jines, 142, Portland, eked out a close split decision over Danny Butts, 136, Portland, in the first of the four round pro bouts. A single amateur contest opened the show. Pete Riccitelli was the promoter.

▲BATH Junior High School—Rickey Craney, 135, Bath, outbattled Jim O'Neil, 147, Lowell, who had less experience but a decided advantage in size. Craney's sharper punching cut him down in the fifth round of their scheduled eight round feature. O'Neil was hurt and taking a hammering when the bout was stopped. The show marked the initial promotion of Keith E. Murphy.

Hard punching Vincent Smith, 233, Auburn, had little trouble with Joe Skinauer, 222½, Bath, stopping him in the second round; Don Bickford, 140, Skowhegan, halted his Bath foe, Tony Pinette, 134, in the third round; Jimmy Johnson, 152, Brunswick, kayoed Art Morton, 154, Bath, in the first round.

▲PEABODY—Town Line Twins Rinks—Matty Ross, 175, Billerica, knocked out veteran Eddie (Red Top) Owens, 175, Holyoke, in the ninth round to win the New England light-heavyweight title. Ross was dropped in the second by a left hook. Except for the second and eighth rounds the promising youngster dominated the bout. Owens was down twice in the ninth round.

Ron Drinkwater, 215, Malden, stopped Ron Gabaree, 215, Clinton, in the first round; Dom DiMarzo, 157, East Boston, survived an anxious first round to whip Billy Clark, 165, Newark, with a unanimous duke; Manuel Melon, 157, New York, who has been sparring with Vinnie Curto, handed Austin (Killer) Killeen, 158, Fitchburg, his first defeat in a four spot. In another that also went the distance, Ben Sanchez, 150, Lowell, won handily over Rahim Muhammed, 145, New York.

▲PEABODY—Town Line Twin Rinks—Tommy Rose, 134, Sherborn, gained a ten round split decision over Jimmy Lopez, 131, Lawrence, in a bout crammed with action. In the eighth round, Rose scored the only knockdown of the fight with a left-right combination. Lopez was hurt but lasted by being on the defensive and remained a difficult target in the ninth. In the last round, both fighters were so exhausted that neither threw any punches.

Peter Boges, 124½, New York, won when Mike Rae, Brockton, was unable to come out for round four; Frank (Tiger) Moore, 165, Brockton, gained a divided duke over Ray Bryant, 161, Newark; in four rounds Ben Sanchez, 152, Leominster, was awarded a TKO over George Major, 152, Newark, when the latter failed to answer the bell for the third round; Bob Santos, 146, Brockton, slugged out a four round split decision over Ralph Lopes, 139, Lawrence, in a thriller.

▲PEABODY—Mike Baker, 162, Arlington, Va., had too much ring savvy for game Billy Duquette, 158, Brockton, and stopped him in the sixth round. Duquette was cut under the right eye and his badly bleeding nose forced the early cessation of the bout.

Jimmy Corkum, 140, Brockton, added Beau Jaynes, 140, Lowell to his unbroken skein by stopping the veteran in the sixth round. Jaynes was decked with a pair of left hooks in the third round. Referee Tinker Picot called a halt to the one-sided scrap when Beau suffered a cut over the right eye.

In four rounders: Tom Landry, 217, Methuen, wasted no time disposing of Ed Chase, 218, Clinton; Darryl Beattie, 130, Albany, was held to a split decision winning over Mike Rae, 130, Brockton; and Don Halpen, 188, Lowell, took a split decision over Barry Proctor, 180, Brockton, in the opener.

▲PEABODY—Matty Ross, 173, Billerica, had his hands full winning a ten round unanimous decision over Dave Adkins, 170, Boston. The latter making his first start in several years, filled in as an eleventh hour substitute and did well. Throughout the fight the pair lashed out with good punches. Adkins tired badly in the final two heats while Ross kept the pressure on.

Jimmy Corkum, 145, Brockton, gained a load of valuable experience as he copped a unanimous eight round decision over the wily veteran Ivelaw Eastman, 153, New York; J. D. Cunningham, 112, Cincinnati, O., battered Davey Ramalho, 111, Lowell, with combinations until the latter was unable to defend himself. Referee Ed Fitzgerald wisely called a halt in the opening round. It was the first defeat for Ramalho; Ron Drinkwater, 212, Malden, had to come from behind to clobber Vincent Smith, 218, Auburn, into helplessness in the final session. It was Drinkwater's third kayo over Smith; Dom DiMarzo, 154, East Boston, easily whipped Lorenzo Howard, 150, Albany, N.Y., in four rounds.

The new Massachusetts Boxing Commissioner is Joe Wright of Arlington. He did some boxing, is employed at Harvard University, and is active with his hometown Boy's Club. He has three sons who are competing in the simon pure ranks. He replaces Bob Gallagher. . .Tony Petronelli, East Bridgewater, has given up his New England junior-welterweight title and will compete as a welterweight. . .Sal Bartolo, world's featherweight titleholder from Boston, made a rare appearance at a Peabody show. . .It does not appear that boxing will come to a standstill in Massachusetts, particularly. Helen Hall, who holds a license to promote boxing in the state has renewed her license and a group called Ferrinbough Enterprises of Brookline want to start in September. They have a couple of attorneys in their organization.

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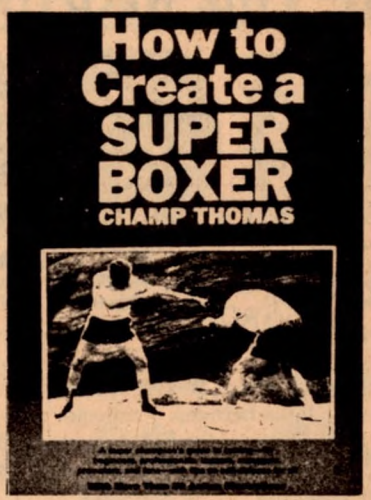

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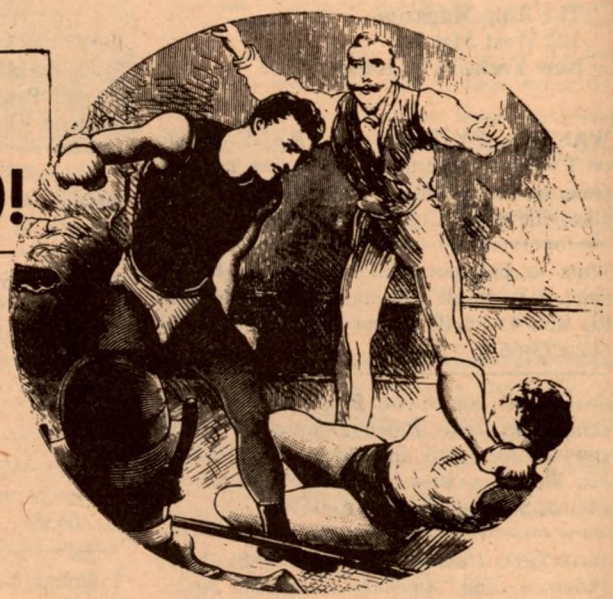

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OLD BROADWAY

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years of refeering. It was held at Murray College here and over 200 attended. The gang of Ring #2, comprising of the many greats of yesterday, always talk about our friends at the RING and send their best to Editor-Publisher Nat Loubet, Johnny Ort, as well as yourself, naturally. Also to Nat's daughter Trudie and his wife Joan, whose work at the RING office is appreciated.

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Tom Moore, boxing's goodwill ambassador, who is located at the Roosevelt Hospital, goes to length to show how the fans love boxing. He recently returned from a special trip to Las Vegas where he caught up with many former heavyweight champions getting more signed autographs for his large collection of ex-heavyweights and other champions he has. . .Mentioned about meeting Jackie Fields, ex-welter champion, who has been based at a Las Vegas spot for many, many years. Here's what Moore, turned reporter, had to say about the party held months ago:

"The benefit, as you know, was held on May 20 and it was called: "America Honors the Heavyweight Champions." It was held in the Theatre for the Performing Arts in the Alladin Hotel. The champions who were honored and present were: Max Schmeling, Jack Sharkey, Joe Louis, Floyd Patterson, Ingemar Johansson, Jimmy Ellis, and Muhammad Ali.

"Jimmy Jacobs' film clips of all the champions in action were shown, and Jimmy added his own running commentary.

"Every champion present was given an expensive ring; and I understand that, from now on, each heavyweight champion will receive a similar ring in the future. I don't know who provides these awards, but it is a private individual. The rings were presented to each champion by prominent business men—the President of Everlast Sporting Good for example: Joey Maxim made one of the presentations. Chico Vejar was the coordinator of the affair, and he introduced the business men who made the ring presentations.

Behind the boxing ring that had been set up for the occasion, there was a huge painting of a fighter, his hand raised in victory, who represented all the champions. The painting was done by Leroy Neiman.

* * *

Remember the old saying about old soldiers never die. That's also true of boxing. Of all places to meet people, we ran into an old boxing buff, Meyer Horowitz, who changed his name to Mike Howard. He is a patient of Dr. Ed Greene, who happens to be our cousin through marriage to my cousin Gene Schwartz.

Mike Howard found time to become a member of the A.A.U. and for 35 years has been an official at sport meets. He used to spar with old friends like the late Sam Mosberg. Charley Beecher and Sid Terris. The late Lou Gehrig, baseballs grand gladiator of the Yankees, was best man for Howard when he got married at the Grand St. Boys Club. His numerous friends included Benny Leonard, Babe Ruth and Graham McNamee. Mike has been affiliated with many famous sports outfits and was first chairman of the Grand St. Boys Club. Mike is now in the insurance business.

Dr. Greene, a dentist of 794 Argyle Road, in Brooklin, was close to Gene Tunney when they were in the service. They met when Greene was a dental officer in the 91st See Bees where he was stationed in World War 2 at New Guinea and Gene was in the Navy. They became close friends. Incidentally, Ed's wife Genis Schwartz, was an Army nurse in World War II.

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Ossie Feldman of Ring #8, and his wife Sylvia, recently returned from a vacation in Miami Beach. While there, they ran into Pete Scalzo, former NBA featherweight champion, who is still busy. He now takes care of youngsters, instructing them in the art of self-defense. Ossie also met many other retired boxers from up north.

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Thoughtful Phil Wagner, whose family has always been involved in the boxing game, sent us a greeting card from the Village Motor Inn., in Lake George where he and his wife Lucy, were on vacation. Wagner is still affiliated with the State Athletic Commission. The Wagners have been in boxing for a long time and have always shown plenty of class.

READ THE RING

MARK THREW THE MOST PUNCHES BUT LOST HIS TITLE

By GEORGE C. BECKLES

BOXING IN PORT OF SPAIN TRINIDAD. Carlos Mark, 159¾, middleweight champ of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago lost his title to Michael Paul, 158¼, over 15 rounds. However, the general opinion of fight fans after Paul was awarded the decision, was that Carlos Mark was the real winner. This is how the officials saw it. Judge Frank Hastic—71-68, for Paul. Judge Siegmund Assee—71-66 for Paul and Referee Melchoir Taylor—68-68.

In the semi final of 8 rounds Eddie Marcelle, 146½, beat Walter Peters, 147½, in 8.

In six rounders: Gaston Saunders, 159½, K.O.ed Dave Philip, 158½, in 1:14 of 3.

Lester Miller, 143, drew with Michael Baptiste, 148½.

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THE BRITISH ISLES

By RON OLVER

WAITH WINS WELTER ELIMINATOR

Billy Waith beat Steve Angell with a KO in eight in what was a final eliminator for the British welter title.

STARDUST CABARET CLUB, USK Billy Waith, Cardiff, 143½, beat Steve Angell, Hemel Hempstead, 145¾, the bout being stopped in the eighth of a scheduled twelve-rounder after the latter had been decked.

This was a final eliminator for the British welterweight title, and must have given Waith a lot of satisfaction. Previously he had taken part in eliminators for the feather, light and light-welter titles and LOST them all.

As usual, Waith played a waiting game on this particularly hot night and conserved his energy for the right moment. When that came, he took his chance like the good tactician he is.

Southpaw Angell worked extremely hard, throwing a lot of leather, but Waith possesses an excellent defense, and his ringcraft was superb. When Waith counterpunched, Angell felt it. However, he worked well until the sixth, when he was caught with two hard rights that slowed him up considerably. He back-pedalled and tried to fight back, but was again caught with that right hand on several occasions.

Surprisingly, Waith didn't force it in the next round and Angell made a good recovery, scoring with accurate left crosses.

At the start of the eighth, Waith saw his chance and caught his man with a right to the chin that sent him backwards and out of the ring. He landed on the lap of Jack Petersen, former British light-heavy and heavyweight champion and now an Inspector of the British Boxing Board of Control.

Angell got back at eight, bleeding from the nose. Waith came in quickly and pounded away with both hands which prompted referee Sid Nathan to intervene as Angell was helpless.

Ray Pearce, Newport, 167, outpointed debutant Kenny Feehan, Tonypandy, 162, over six Rooney, 59½-58; Kelvin Webber, Porth, 144, kept his unbeaten record intact by easily outscoring Alan Jones, Merthyr, 145, over six, 60-58; Steve Holdsworth, Watford, 138½, outpointed Philip Morris, Cefn Hengped, 136½, over four by the narrow margin of 39½-30.

▲Wolverhampton Civic Hall — In a battle of ex-champions, Dave Needham, former bantam champ, 128, kayoed Vernon Sollas, who held the featherweight crown, 126¼ in the seventh of a scheduled then round bout.

There was some anxious, tense waiting as Sollas was unconscious for about 20 minutes. He was removed to Wolverhampton General Hospital by ambulance, and underwent tests before being sent home.

His manager, Bobby Neill, sad Sollas would never fifht again.

Needham was aggressive throughout, and although Sollas displayed his usual fine boxing style, he couldn't make an impression on Dave.

Southpaw Needham moved into the fight at the first bell, jabbing and hooking to good effect. He shrugged off his opponent's counters, although one or two of them looked good punches.

Needham was in front after three effective rounds, but was caught in the fourth by a hard right hand. Dave kept coming forward and made Sollas back up.

In the fifth Vernon was busier, and it appeared he might be getting into the fight in earnest. But in the following round Needham was again doing most of the work, and Sollas appeared slower.

There was no indication of an early stoppage, and it did not seem that the right to the head which floored Sollas was heavy enough to have any effect. In the final minute of the sixth round Needham landed a right to the head, more of a glancing blow than a well-timed punch, which put Sollas down. As he fell, the back of his head struck the canvas.

As Sollas was tretched out, Needham fans invaded the ring to congratulate him, and Sollas was in danger of being trampled on. He was then taken from the ring on a table-top.

When I first saw Sollas in action, I was convinced that he would win a British title and maybe even fight for the World championship. He looked a "natural." But as his career proceeded, it was obvious that for all his skills there was something wrong with his stamina. There were several occasions where he appeared to be winning, only to fold up for some unknown reason. It is a great pity that such a talented performer should have to quit the ring at the tender age of 22, if that is his final decision.

As for Needham, he performed competently, and is now in line for a British featherweight title fight with Alan Richardson who won it from Sollas.

Pat Cowdell, Warley, 128, Olympic Bronze Medalist, outpointed Albert Coley, Birmingham, 129, over six by a 59½-57½ point score. The margin was decisive enough, but disappointed Cowdell later said it was due to nerves. It was his first pro fight. He promised his performance would be better in his next outing.

Coley was down twice for short counts in the fifth from right crosses, and in trouble again in the sixth. Cowdell suffered a cut left eyebrow in the opening round.

Roy Varden, Nuneaton, 138, confirmed a previous win by outscoring Dave Taylor, Liverpool, 138½, over eight, by 79½-77. It was an excellent contest to watch, and a case of boxer beating fighter. When they met the first time, the result was disputed. This time there was no doubt.

Winston Spencer, Walworth, 136¼, beat Nagib Daho, Manchester, 134. The bout was stopped in the fifth with the latter on the receiving end. In the fourth Daho went to his knees from an accidental low punch. Referee John Coyle gave Daho sufficient time to recover and the bout continued.

Spencer in control all the way, was well in front when the bout was stopped in the following round.

Debutant Paul Chance, Wednesbury, 126, beat Malcolm McHugh, Liverpool, 126, the referee intervening in the third when McHugh was cut on the left eye. Another first-timer, Granville Allen, Wednesbury, 142, looked impressive as he stopped Ray Thomas, Liverpool, 142, the referee stopping it in the fourth as Thomas appeared helpless from a series of blows. Doug Ralston, Leicester, 162, kayoed Jim Moore, Bradford, 156, in the fourth with a left hook after decking him in the second.

▲Mayfair Suite, Birmingham — This was the second of the Sunday morning promotions at this venue, with Dave Owens, Castleford, 160, winning the Central Area Middleweight title by beating Pat Brogan, Stoke, 158. The bout was for the vacant championship, and the referee stopped it in the ninth round after Brogan had been down five times.

Tony Allen, Birmingham, 175, beat Eddie Fenton, Leicester, 172, the contest being stopped in the eighth and final round with Fenton cut and bruised around the left eye. Allen boxed coolly and encountered well. Fenton, a former heavyweight, was willing enough, but shedding poundage may have weakened him.

Paul Varden, Nuneaton, 123½, finished strongly to win by the narrow margin of 59-58½ in a six-rounder against Ian Murray, Manchester, 121. This reversed a previous defeat; but John Feeney, Hartlepool, made a fine debut by beating Larry Richards, Leicester, 122½, the referee intervening in round two after Richards had been decked twice; Steve Fenton, Leicester, 167, beat Malcolm Worthington, Crewe, 167, the bout being stopped when Worthington sustained a cut over the left eye. The referee inspected the cut after the first round, and halted the bout.

▲World Sporting Club, London — Jan Magdziarz, Eastleigh, 157½, is the new Southern Area middleweight champion. He defeated the holder, Alec Tompkins, Bow, 159½, with the referee intervening in the fifth round after the latter had been decked in the fourth and was not punching back.

Jan had held the title for a brief spell last year, and won this one convincingly enough, yet Tompkins was not in his usual form. After the fight, he was advised by his manager, Dennie

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COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHT

Championship
Vacant
1. Billy Aird (E)
2. Richard Dunn (E)
3. George Chuvalo (C)
4. Denton Ruddock (J)
5. John L. Gardner (E)
6. Isaac Hussien (E)
7. Tony Moore (J)
8. Ngozika Ekwelum (N)
9. Fonomanu Sekona (T)
10. Maule Haumona (T)

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT

Champion
Tony Mundine (A)
1. John Conteh (E)
2. Bunny Johnson (J)
3. Tim Wood (E)
4. Victor Attivor (G)
5. Phil Martin (E)
6. Gary Summerhays (C)
7. Ernie Barr (Bah)
8. Al Korovou (A)
9. Joe Vella (A)
10. Mustapha Ajassaja (Ug)

MIDDLEWEIGHT

Champion
Monty Betham (NZ)
1. Alan Minter (E)
2. Kevin Finnegan (E)
3. Bunny Sterling (J)
4. Jean-C[illegible]ud Leclair (C)
5. Julius Luipa (Zam)
6. Frankie Lucas (St. Vincent)
7. Daniel Levesque (C)
8. Semi Bula (A)
9. Gerard Bouchard (C)
10. Viti Patterson (NZ)

LIGHT-MIDDLEWEIGHT

Champion
Maurice Hope (Ant)
1. Rocky Mattioli (A)
2. Ayub Kalule (Ug)
3. Elisha Obed (Bah)
4. Jimmy Batten (E)
5. John Layton (A)
6. Neil Pattel (A)
7. Sammy Barr (Bah)
8. Larry Paul (E)
9. Pat Thomas (J)
10. Tony Hudson (E)

WELTERWEIGHT

Champion
Clyde Gray (C)
1. Dave Green (E)
2. John H. Stracey (E)
3. Henry Rhiney (J)
4. Steve Dennis (A)
5. Achille Mitchell (E)
6. Billy Waith (W)
7. Kevin White (E)
8. Kirkland Laint (J)
9. Chris Clarke (C)
10. Peter Morris (E)

LIGHT-WELTERWEIGHT

Champion
Hector Thompson (A)
1. Baby Cassius Austin (A)
2. Martin Beni (Pap)
3. Des Morrison (J)
4. Ross Eadie (A)
5. Chris Walker (E)
6. Kerry Bell (A)
7. Chris Davies (W)
8. Billy Mulholland (A)
9. Jeff Malcolm (A)
10. Joey Gibilisco (A)

LIGHTWEIGHT

Champion
Jonathan Dele (N)
1. Jim Watt (S)
2. Charlie Nash (I)
3. Barry Michael (A)
4. Andy Broome (A)
5. Al Ford (C)
6. Matt Ropis (A)
7. Colin Powers (E)
8. Johnny Claydon (E)
9. Len Blackmore (Guy)
10. Claude Noel (Tr)

FEATHERWEIGHT

Championship
Vacant
1. David Kotey (G)
2. Alan Richardson (E)
3. Brian Roberts (A)
4. Les Pickett (W)
5. Merv Wockner (A)
6. Dave Needham (E)
7. Jimmy Flint (E)
8. Jackie McGill (S)
9. Jeff Pritchard (W)
10. Bingo Crooks (J)

BANTAMWEIGHT

Champion
Sulley Shittu (G)
1. Paul Ferreri (A)
2. Paddy Maguire (I)
3. Wayne Evans (E)
4. Johnny Owen (W)
5. Paddy Graham (I)
6. Steve Walker (A)
7. George Sutton (W)
8. John Kellie (S)
9. Gary Davidson (E)
10. Roger Richens (A)

FLYWEIGHT

Champion
Patrick Mambwe (Z)
1. John McCluskey (S)
2. Steve Bell (A)
3. Charlie Brown (A)
4. Dave Smith (E)
5. Neil McLaughlin (I)

Billy Moeller (A) is the Junior lightweight champion. There is no official contender at present.

RINGSIDE

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for Canadian ring appearances—. . .worked the corner of FERNAND MARCOTTE and did his usual excellent job of patching up MARCOTTE when he was cut badly by GERRY BOUCHARD at Montreal. . .MARCOTTE now the Canuck middleweight king once again. . . .Former triple champion HENRY ARMSTRONG was in Los Angeles recently for the Olympic's anniversary show—ARMSTRONG held the featherweight, lightweight and welterweight titles all at the same time—quite a guy indeed. . .now an ordained Baptist minister. . . .MARVIN HAGLER is the best looking middleweight around New England today—but where does he go from there, now that SAM SILVERMAN is gone—???? The managers (PAT and GOODY PETRONELLI) should put some money up front to help promote HAGLER before it is too late. . . .HOWARD "KO" SMITH, a tough, hombre in his hey-day—has disappeared from the fight beat since his kayo loss at the hands of hard-punching EARNIE SHAVERS. . . .

JERRY QUARRY back in the gym and working for a comeback—QUARRY will show in a European ring in October. . . .YOUNG SANFORD has been okayed for a return to the ring but must undergo eye exams after each fight and every three months.

BILL EBEL, veteran Boston boxing trainer and booking agent, has again taken over the training of TOMMY ROSE, who was tossed into the American championship tourney and annialated by EDWIN VIRUET. . . .EBEL is also training up and coming IRISH JIMMY FARRELL a sort after featherweight with promise. . . . .MAX SCHMELING, former heavyweight champion from Germany, is now 72 years old and still making big money—. . . .JESSE BURNETT after being kayoed by MIQUEL CUELLO said after the fight—"they shouldn't allow a guy to hit another guy that hard" Veteran boxing manager PINKIE GEORGE living in Des Moines, Iowa—has taken over as manager of middleweight LAMONT LOVELADY—a pretty biffer. FRANK BALTAZAR, SR., had his last of some 35 amateur fights back in 1962—in the Golden Gloves—now he manages and trains fighters—his two sons, FRANK, JR. 19 and TONY, 16—and it makes the guy nervous—!! Now BALTAZAR, SR., has brought in JACKIE McCOY and has given him power of attorney. McCOY has managed five world champions, including the present W.B.C. welter weight champion, CARLOS PALOMINO. . . .VIC WEISS, Los Angeles fight manager, paid $10,000 for a 10-percent piece of MANDO MUNIZ' contract once. . . .he made it back and then some, smart move. . . .JIM DESKIN, Las Vegas boxing commissioner, retired from boxing after many years—we are sorry to see him leave.

JOHN STRACEY, when he beat JOSE NAPOLES for the welterweight title looked like he would be around for a long time. . . .then managerial problems—and STRACEY is just another welter right now—it is a shame. . . .he could have made a bundle of money. . . . .JOHNNY CESARIO, former Hartford, Conn., welterweight who was managed by LOU VISCUSI, is the concession manager of the Hartford Civic Auditorium and doing real well for himself. . . . .ALBIE BAIN, who once fought the late MAXIE ROSENBLOOM for the light-heavyweight title was up to the gym in Hartford, Conn., when SUGAR RAY LEONARD was working out there for his bout with VINNIE DeBARROS. . . .His old trainer, NATE SAMUELS accompanied him—BAIN lives in California now.

The new boxing commissioner in Massachusetts is JOSEPH C. WRIGHT of Arlington, Mass. WRIGHT who has been associated with Arlington Boys' Club youth programs is also a member of the A.A.U.—he is in charge of grounds and maintenance at Harvard University. . . .First it was DAVE CHAN—now it is his brother AL, who journeyed to their native Hong-Kong looking over fistic talent to bring to these shores. . . .the CHANS, along with their father, own the Lake Palace Restaurant in Pembroke, Mass., top Chinese restaurant on the south shore of Massachusetts. . . .

See you next month—keep punching!!

THE BRITISH ISLES

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Mancini, to retire from the rign.

Magdziarz took a while to get started. He was warned repeatedly for hitting on the break and for holding. At the end of the second, the referee spoke to him about it.

However, Tompkins did not benefit from his opponent's lethargy, and Jan was soon punching away freely, landing with hard rights to the head.

In the fourth Tompkins was again under pressure, and a right to the face had him down on one knee. He took a count of eight to survive until the end of the session.

In the fifth, Jan punched far too hard for Tompkins, who was defenseless again. The rferee intervened with half a minute of the round left.

Tommy Dunn, Reading, 138, outscored Dill Collins, Llantwit Major, 136½, over eight by 80-78½. A clash of styles made for a dull fight between the crowd-pleasing pair.

Neil Malpass, Leicester, 210, made it eight wins in succession by beating Tony Blackburn, Tonyrefail, 203½, the bout being stopped in the third after the latter had been decked; Kenny Feahan, Tonypandy (birthplace of Tommy Farr), 162, put up the fight of his life to survive four knockdowns, then kayo Ray Pearce, Newport, 164, in the fourth. Feahan was decked in the second and twice more in the third. But just as the bell rang to end that round, he landed a left hook that put his man down.

Both men were tottery as they came out for the fourth, and Feahan went to the canvas after missing with a right. When he rose, he caught Pearce with a right hand that dropped him for eight, and when Ray got up he didn't have the strength to fight back, eventually being caught with a left hook that floored him for the full count.

Feahan had previously been outpointed by Pearce.

Horace McKenzie, Cardiff, 146, kayoed Alan Jones, Merthyr, 140¾, in the fourth after setting his man up with a right to the jaw followed by a fusilade of punches. Johnny Elliott, Bournemouth, 148½, outscored Kelvin Webber, 142½, Porth, over six by 59½-59. It was Webber's first defeat, and many disagreed with the close verdict.

▲Top Rank Suite, Sheffield — In the first promotion held in this city in ten years, local favourite Chris Walker, 139, Central Area light-welter champ, survived a second-round knockdown to beat Barton McAllister, Clapham, 141.

There was controversy over the ending. McAllister was retired by his corner at the end of the fifth after sustaining an injured left eye. They claimed the cut had been caused by a clash of heads, whereas Walker's mentors contended it has been caused by a punch.

Walker started in fine style, flooring his man in the opening session, but was a little too impetuous in the second, and was himself dropped to the canvas.

After that, Walker was more careful, although he continued to attack. The experienced McAllister defended well under pressure, and it was a pity the fight had to end in an inconclusive manner. Seven months earlier, Walker won on points.

Mick Mills, Rotherham, 150, made it six in a row by beating substitute John Breen, Belfast, 159, the latter being retired by his corner at the end of the second, after being down twice.

Debutant Vic Jackson, Hackney, 155, kayoed Terry Haines, Leeds, 155, in 44 seconds of the opening round. A right hook did the trick; Pat Thompson, Liverpool, 180, easily outpointed newcomer Bob Young, East Dulwich, 189, by 59½-58 over six. Thompson was far too experienced for his willing opponent; Brian Gregory, Doncaster, 154, outscored Joe Hannaford, Liverpool, 153, over eight by 79-78. Gregory had the better variety of punches; John Kelly, Rotherham, 138, another first-timer, outpointed Dave Taylor, Liverpool, 140, by 60-58 over six. This was the last fight on the bill, and it so delighted those who remained they threw nobbins into the ring.

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Al Neumann halted Stan Johnson III, 3
Mike Kolivosky whipped K.O. Hannon, 10
Guy Casale beat Tyrone Harlee, 6
Dave Plisko kayoed Bennie Collins, 6
Eddie Lopez stopped Dan Johnson, 5
Duane Bobick knocked out Scott LeDoux, 8
Pete Holm won over Walt Burkart, 4
Ken Arlt beat Fritz Krantz, 4
James Johnson decisioned Hobo Wiler, 6
Robert Yarbrough whipped Grady Daniels, 8
George Chaplin beat Speedy Jordan, 8
Howard Martin decisioned Donald Spellman, 6
Rodney Elam stopped Willie Thompson, 1
Al Neumann won over Paul Guyness, 4
Ken Arlt beat Gary Keenan, 4
Tony Razo stopped Mike Creek, 3
Eddie Lopez kayoed Dan Johnson, 5
Rocky Casola, halted Walter Steiner, 1
Baker Tinsley whipped Big Tuna Jordan, 6
Fred Jones knocked out Bill Jackson, 1
Rufus Brassell stopped Jess Clark, 2
Walter Moore kayoed Charlie Johnson, 3
King Solomon kayoed Morris Whyte, 5

LIGHTHEAVIES

Danny Brewer stopped Marvin Camel, 10
Larry Muse and Kenny Camel Drew, 6
Mike Kittleson whipped Dale Voss, 4
Russ Dailey beat Dave Brown, 6
Alvaro Lopez halted Mauel Fierro, 100, then stopped Bobby Llyod in 5
Junior Albers beat Mustafa El-Amin, 6
Johnny Heard won over Richard Leeds, 8
Dan Bolden stopped Juanito Fernandez, 4, then stopped Robert Reynosa, 4
Mike Rossman kayoed Marcel Clay, 1
Matty Ross halted Eddie Owens, 9
Billy Ratliff beat Percy Hairston, 6
Charles Bryant kayoed Chuck Sutton, 1
Billy Douglas stopped Al Bell, 1
Robert Smith beat John D'Amore, 6

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Ray Seales stopped Nate Lenoir, 2
Tommy Howard kayoed Tony Gardner, 1
Reggie Forde beat Johnny Locicero, 6
Frankie Gastelum defeated Leni Vanisi, 6
Robby Epps won over Dan Veskovic, 5
Marvin Sanders decisioned Leni Vanisi, 6
Ignacio Lopez stopped Roberto Chaves, 8
Steve Moyer beat Gregg Adams, 4
Ramon Leon stopped Jim Rodgers, 4
Al "Firebrand" Clay halted Jimmy Carter, 3
Clyde Neptune won over Winton Granger, 8
Paul Knight kayoed Dennis Horne, 1
Wayne Lewis and Arturo Cirillo Drew, 4
Tony McMinn kayoed Alfonso Aguirre, 2
Rudy Robles knocked out Mario Luna, 3, then stopped Jimmy Owens, 6
James Williams beat Doug Arlt, 6
Daryl Penn whipped C.J. Brown, 6 the lost to Tommy Howard, 10
James Williams decisioned Yusuf Louqman, 6
Alfonso Aguirre halted Gilbert Mares, 2
Alan Minter whipped Emile Griffith, 10
Carlos Monzon beat Rodrigo Valdez, 15
(Announced his retirement) (Retained World Middleweight Title)

JR. MIDDLEWEIGHT

Jose Petersen beat Eugene "Windmill" White, 8
Bert Lee and Curtis Lewis Drew, 4
Martin Jiminez decisioned Leon McCullum, 6
Rocky Mattioli stopped Eckhard Dagge, 5
(Won WBC Jr. Middleweight Title)
Gilbert De Los Santos kayoed Herman Marques, 8
Allen Webb stopped Charles Wilson, 1
Edgar Ross whipped Sammy Ruckard, 10
Russell Pope and Ted Sanders Drew, 6
Mario Martillano decisioned Paolo Pavi, 6
Steve Gregory stopped Bobby Orr, 3

WELTERWEIGHT

Jose "Pipino" Cuevas kayoed Clyde Gray, 2
(Retained WBA Welterweight Title)
Bruce Henderson beat Jerry Cheatham, 6
Raul Aguirre won over Jesse Lara, 10
Sultan Suladin stopped Manuel Fuentes, 3
Alfredo Lorona kayoed Larry Stauffacher, 1
Oscar Rios halted Arturo Padilla, 8
Dick Fisher and Steve Chase Drew, 6
Ron Bailey decisioned Wellington Grant, 6
Selwyn Figaro stopped Edwin Bascome, 5
Lester Miller whipped Michael Baptiste, 6
Francisco Ortega knocked out Bert Lee, 4
Pete Ranzany beat Babilah McCarthy, 12
Vicente Hernandez won over Alfredo Lorona, 8
Bert Lee Drew with Curtis Lewis, 6
Curtis Lewis stopped Mack Britton, 1
Ken Croom knocked out Joey Robles, 1
Jose Palacios beat Armando Muniz, 10
Ben Sanchez decisioned Rahim Muhammad, 4
Spartaco Verna kayoed Angelo Zanetti, 2
Mario Molina Drew with Isidoro Cabezas, 8
Pietro Ceru won over Luciano Laffranchi, 8
Augusto Lauri beat Giancarlo Serangeli, 8
Sammy Massias knocked out James Hughes, 1
Fausto Rodriguez whipped Alfonso Hayman, 10
Julio Gomez stopped Mario Mendez, 5
Rudy Barro kayoed Lee Hardey, 1

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Roberto Duran kayoed Bernardo Diaz, 1
Andy Ganigan stopped Tom Tarantino, 7 then stopped Jose Talamantez, 6
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Beto Nunez defeated Elias Rodriguez, 8
Bobby Chacon knocked out Alejandro Lopez, 7
Robert Vasquez halted Larry Brown, 7
Robert Elizondo kayoed Enrique Contreres, 2
Vilomar Fernandez stopped Rocky Orengo, 7
Sammy Ayala kayoed Victor Villanueva, 6
Juan Villasana stopped Antonio Delgado, 6
Claude Noel halted Vinnie De Barros, 4
Herman Montes knocked out Ruben Martinez, 2
Art Frias kayoed Juan Arcos, 6
Andy Ganigan stopped Juan Garcia, 8

JR. LIGHTS

Rene Silva knocked out Spud Murphy, 2, then kayoed Manuel Castellanos, 3
Rodrigo Aguirre stopped Fermin Navarro, 2
Bazooka Limon halted Mar Basa, 3
Clyde Beattie beat Melvin Boyton, 6
Spud Murphy beat Muricio Garcia, 6

FEATHERS

El Libito Gonzalez beat Johnny Mesa, 6
Robert Perez beat Rommel Mendoza, 8
Salvador Gonzales beat Tosh Goya, 5
Alex Alatoree stopped Ad Zapanta, 5
David Barrera defeated Jose Luis Lara, 6
Danny Lopez kayoed Jose Olivares, 2

BANTAMS

Sergio Reyes knocked out Rodolfo Ibarra, 2
Ernesto Rios was stopped by Alberto Cabanig, 3
Freddie Gonzales knocked out Raul Ochoa, 5
Oscar Muniz kayoed Raul Pacheco, 10
Carlos Barbosa halted by Victor Cortez, 5

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Alberto Sandoval beat Alberto Morales, 10
Eleazor Ramos and Jose Villegas Drew, 5
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ARGENTINE HEAVY KING, GOROSITO, RETAINS CROWN

By SIMON BRONENBERG

Cordoba: Ex-Argentine bantam champion Jose T. Casas outpointed Miguel A. Lovera in 10 rounds.

▲**ROSARIO:** In the Jr. middle class Manuel Gonzalez II whipped Bernabe Narvaez in 8 rounds.

▲**VILLA MARIA:** Luis Guevara beat Martiniano de los Santos in 10. Welters.

▲**SAMPACHO:** Undefeated in the Jr. middle division Jose Vega won Ramon Mendez in 10 rounds.

▲**CONCORDIA:** Ex-Southamerica champion Esteban Osuna decisioned Alfredo Almiron in 10.

▲**RIO CUARTO:** In the welter class, Luis Sosa kayoed Jorge Torres in one.

▲**RESISTENICA:** In the welter division Cirilo Ruiz outpointed Romulo Ibarra in 10.

▲**PARANA:** Julio Campagna decisioned Juan A. Suarez in 10. They are lights.

▲**REALICO:** In the welter class Juan C. Solomon beat Oscar Lujan Romero in 10.

▲**P. ROQUE S. PENA:** Victor Escobar and Miguel Combi drew in 10. Welters.

▲**POSADAS:** In the light class Americo Abalos decisioned Federico Godoy in 10.

+**TUCUMAN:** Martin Leiva beat ex-Argentine light champion Hugo Gutierrez by KO in seven.

▲**BUENOS AIRES:** At the Luna Park ring, Arentine and Southamerican middle champion Hugo Corro retained his crown after Cesar Duarte in 12 rounds.

▲**BALCARCE:** Carlos Canete kayoed Alfredo Cicopiedi in 3. They are welters.

▲**RIO GALLEGOS:** In the bantam class Bernabe Mendez outpointed Ramon Blanc in 10 rounds.

▲**VILLA CARLOS PAZ:** Undefeated and good propsect in the middle division Ruben Pardo beat Natalio Ibarra by a TKO in fourth round.

▲**GENERAL ROCA:** In the feather division Carlos Martinetti beat Felix Espinosa by a TKO in eight rounds.

▲**LA RIOJA:** Argentine Jr. middle champion Manuel Gonzalez outpointed Rogelio Zarza in 10.

▲**PLAZA HUINCUL:** Veteran welter Juan A. Aranda decisioned Mario Acosta in 10.

▲**CORDOBA:** In the feather class Orlando Lucero beat Aucelio Montenegro by a TKO in nine.

▲**ROSARIO:** In the lightheavy class Ruben Zamarro and Ruben Gonzalez drew in 10.

▲**SANTA ROSA:** In the welter class Juan B. Cabral outpointed Ramon Perez in 10.

▲**S. C. BARILOCHE:** In the Jr. welter class Hector "Yeye" Hernandez beat Ramon Allende by a TKO in five rounds.

▲**SALTO ARGENTINO:** In the light division Venancio Gonzalez beat Carlos Grinovero in 10.

▲**CAMPANA:** Welters: Ricardo Magallanes outpointed Miguel A. Fernandez in 10.

▲**BOLIVAR:** Argentine light champion Mario "Cirujano" Ortiz beat Ramon Araujo by a TKO in second round. (Non title bout)

▲**TUCUMAN:** Lightheavies: Orlando Nasul kayoed Reynaldo Sande in the second round.

▲**RIO TERCERO:** In the welter division Alberto Luque decisioned Juan Vedia in 10 rounds.

▲**TRES ARROYOS:** Miguel Lazarte outpointed Hector Barreto in 10. They are fly weights.

▲**OLAVARRIA:** In the light division Norberto Olivetto beat Omar Carcamo in 8.

▲**HUINCA RENANCO:** In the fly calss Santos Laciar and Jose Ibiris drew in 10.

▲**RIO CUARTO:** In the feather class Raul Bianoco beat Omar Almada in 10.

▲**TUNUYAN:** Good prospect in the middle class Alfredo Cruz outpointed Oscar Aguero in 10.

▲**TRELEW:** In the middle class Miguel Chequer beat Miguel A. Gutierrez by a TKO in six rounds.

▲**SAN LUIS:** Simon Escobar beat Domingo Penessi by a TKO in first round (light)

▲**BELLE VILLE:** In the light class Raul Colombo whipped Oscar Arganaraz in 10.

▲**PTE. R. SAENZ PENA:** In the feather class Enrique Aguero beat Julio Alegre by a disqualification in nine.

▲**RESISTENCIA:** In the light class Ramon Duarte and Demetrio Ibarra drew in 10 rounds.

▲**GUALEGUAYCHU:** In the middle class Luis Gimenez kayoed Miguel A. Duro in 10.

▲**RIO GRANDE:** In the Jr. light division Ruben Butiler and Ramon Gonzalez drew in 10 rounds.

▲**PERGAMINO:** Undefeated in the middle class, Jose M. Flores Burlon beat Hugo Obregon in 10 rounds.

▲**BUENOS AIRES:** At the Luna Park ring No. 1 in the Official Rating in the feather division Hipolito Nunez decisioned Benicio Sosa ex-Argentine bantam and feather champion by points, in 10.

▲**VILLA CARLOS PAZ:** In the bantam division Sergio Palma and Hugo Emer drew in 10 rounds.

▲**POZO DEL MOLLE:** In the Jr. welter division Hugo Luero beat Juan de Dios Acosta in 10 rounds.

▲**VILLA MARIA:** In the light class Hugo Quartapelle beat Marciano Tura in 10.

▲**LA CARLOTA:** In the welter class Mario "Hammer" Miranda beat Juan D. Ojeda by a TKO in six.

▲**VILLA REGINA:** Argentine heavy champion Raul Gorosito retained his crown after Pablo Noe Castellino in 12 rounds.

▲**RIO CUARTO:** In the light class Oscar "Cachin" Mendez beat Gregorio Villavicencio by a medical decision in five.

▲**CORDOBA:** Argentine and Southamerica Jr. light champion Victor Echegaray outpointed Julio Melone in 10. (Non title bout).

▲**TANDIL:** In the heavy class undefeated Norberto Fiori beat Pablo "Clay" Sarmiento by a TKO in the fourth round.

▲**SANTA FE:** In the middle class Carlos M. V. Herrera beat Nelson Torres (Chile) in 10.

▲**OLAVARRIA:** In the lightheavy class Adolfo Cejas decisioned Ignacio Gonzalez in 10.

▲**MENDOZA:** In the heavy class Juan A. Figueroa kayoed Willy de la Cruz (Peru) in the fourth round.

▲**ROSARIO:** Feathers: Ruben Granado beat Ruben Riani in 10 rounds.

▲**LOBOS:** In the feather division Nestot Palacios beat Santos Aranda in 10.

▲**PERGAMINO:** In the middle class Carlos Flores Bunlon and Antonio Lopez drew in 10.

▲**TUCUMAN:** Lights: Oscar Arevalo kayoed Alejandro Flores in the first round.

▲**LA PAZ:** In the bantam class Luis Franco beat Roberto Barrientos in 10.

▲**POSADAS:** Wleters: Eduardo Contreras and Ruben Doronzoro drew in 10.

▲**VILLA DOLORES:** In the bantam division Jose T. Casas and Hugo Saldubere drew in 10 rounds.

▲**BUENOS AIRES:** At the Luna Park ring and in the Jr. middle class good prospect Alfredo H. Cabral decisioned Ricardo Molina Ortiz (Chile) by points in 10 rounds.

▲**MAR DE AJO:** In the lightheavy class Hector Altamirano beat Oscar Caro in 10 rounds.

▲**BALCARCE:** In the middle class Juan J. Perez beat Raul Guillermo in 10.

▲**TANDIL:** In the feather class Juan C. Alvarez decisioned Emilcio Ortiz in 10.

▲**VILLA CARLOS PAZ:** In the Jr. middle class Ramon Mendez whipped Rogelio Zarza in 10 rounds.

▲**CRUZ DEL EJE:** In the light class Miguel Figueroa and Oscar Frias drew 10.

▲**VILLA MERCEDES:** Lights: Simon Escobar beat Nicolas Arkuszyn, ex-Argentine light champion in 10 rounds.

▲**SAMPACHO:** Undefeated in the Jr. middle division Jose Vega kayoed Hugo Quiroga in four rounds.

▲**CORDOBA:** In the feather class good prospect Orlando Lucero kayoed ex-Argentine feather and bantam champion Benicio Sosa in four rounds.

▲**RIO CUARTO:** Feathers: Raul Bianco beat Manuel Almada in 10.

▲**BELLA VISTA:** In the Jr. light class Juan "Pamperito" Olivera kayoed Luis Correa in the second round.

▲**CORONEL PRINGLES:** In the light class Juan Zuniga (Chile) beat Epifanio Pavon in 10 rounds.

▲**CONCORDIA:** In the feather class Hugo Fernandez beat Ramon Villalba by a TKO in five rounds.

▲**FLORENCIO VARELA:** In the bantam class Juan C. Rios beat Angel Lois Fernandez in 10 rounds.

▲**REALICO:** Bantams: Jose Izquierdo beat Jorge Martinez in 10 rounds.

▲**WINIFREDA:** In the Jr. middle division Luis "Golepa" Cabral beat Vicente Martinez by a TKO in eight rounds.

▲**DOLORES:** Welters: Raul Paz outpointed Hector Caceres in 10 rounds.

▲**VILLA CARLOS PAZ:** In the middle class undefeated Ruben Pardo and Alfredo Cruz drew in 10 rounds.

▲**ROSARIO:** Heavyweight Roberto Cardozo beat Marcos Tosto in 10 rounds.

▲**MENDOZA:** Esteban Bustos retained his local bantam title against Roberto Condori in 12 rounds.

▲**RIO CUARTO:** Middles: Nelson Torres (Chile) beat Luis Sosa in 10 rounds.

▲**RESISTENCIA:** In the lightheavy division Ricardo Arce beat Andres Devia by a TKO in six rounds.

▲**FLORENCIO VARELA:** In his first professional bout in Argentina heavy Pedro Lovell beat Antonio Musladino and in his debut Juan Domingo Suarez, light-heavy representative in the last Olympic Games, kayoed Carlos Araujo in first round.

STEVENSON OVER STEPH

By ERIC STEVENS

After the failure of the Neptunes in the Continental Football League, the Squires in the Am. Basketball Assn., and the Wings and Sharks in hockey it took great courage for Sports Promotions Services to bring pro boxing to Tidewater, especially to the less central, less populated resort suburb rather than the urban Norfolk with its large arena, the Scope. Fights at Va. Beach Convention Center, also known as the Alan B. Shepard Convention Center, and especially as "The Dome," have been brought to us by SPS's president Dallas Tohill, veep and secretary-treasurer Ed Owens, and matchmaker Wally Haigh.

The first card saw classy Hilbert Stevenson, 130, Winston-Salem, N.C., repeatedly floor game Rhondell Steph, 130, Greensboro, N.C., before the ref stopped it in 4. Steph's courage drew a standing ovation; he deserves more action here, but against lesser competition. Three one-round KO's shortened the program: Don Spellman, 197, Richmond, now undefeated in 3 fights here took out Billy Howard, 184, Winston-Salem, in 52 seconds; Fred Brown, 165, Norfolk, whose record matches Spellman's, TKOED Robert Gwynn, 161, Winston-Salem, in 1:02; Bobby Acey, the only hometowner, disposed of middleweight Austin Davis (Winston-Salem) in but 36 seconds with a frightening fussilade for the first of 3 quickies to date. In 6, middleweight Keith Broom decisioned Irving Hines, Winston-Salem. Also in 6, Norfolk's Charlie Smith hopefully put 39 year old light-heavy Oscar Freeman (Portsmouth) into retirement, an easy choice for the judges. Out-of-shape Matt Robinson, 214, Hyattsville, Md., took a disputed nod over cocky, colorfully clad Al (Hoss) Byrd, 198, Winston-Salem. In 4, Anthony House, 165, Winston-Salem, decisioned Willie Wilson, 173, Greensboro, N.C., and Marvin Ladson, 137, Winston-Salem, outpointed Will Rankin, 140 of Charlottesville, Va.

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VETERAN BOXERS' BEAT

By Harry Warren

It's always good to see my friend heavyweight Coley Wallace. This six-foot five-inch, 250-pound giant, was a top contender of yesteryear. Coley may be remembered by film fans as the boxer who played the part of Joe Louis, in the film version of "The Joe Louis Story." Now he is in his 16th year as account executive with the Long Island City wines and spirits company Capital Distributors, is a referee with the New York State Athletic Commission and a member of VBA, Ring 8. . . .

Cisco Andrade, the ring whizz in the 1950's, is a councilor and assistant coach for the Nelles School for Boys, Whittier, California. . . .

Former world middleweight champion Paul Pender is recreation officer at the Norfolk Prison Colony, Norfolk, Massachusetts. . . .

Former lightweight champion of the world Beau Jack is the father of fifteen and supervisor of the Valet Department of the Fontainebleau Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida. The world famous boat company from Austin, Texas, The Glastron Boat Company, picked his name for its new Bass fishing boat. They chose the name Beau Jack, for the man whose ring style exemplified toughness and durability. . . .

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From 1932 to 1945, New Jersey was proud of its heavyweight prospect who became a contender. Yes—Steve Dudas will never be forgotten by the townspeople of Edgewater, New Jersey. He was managed by Frank Huber and the late Billy McCaney. Dudas fought some great fighters, to name a few—Jersey Joe Walcott, Max Schmeling, Bob Paster, Stanley Poreda and Isadora Gastenega. He now operates a plumbing supplies company at Bricktown, New Jersey. With lovely wife Madeliene, they often take off to Hollywood Beach, Florida, where they own a beach house. . . .

At the VBA, Ring 21, of Brooklyn, this writer received a great welcome and it was wonderful to sit on the dias and look down onto so many former fistic luminaries. It was the 16th Annual Dinner and swards were given to veteran boxers who had contributed so much of themselves—to assist the less fortunate. At this fabulous affair which was presided over by former lightheavy weight champion of the world Paul Berlenbach, his fighting mame was "The Astoria Assassin." It's difficult to believe that this quiet, cultured person was a destroyer of so many fine fighters. He successfully defended his title against Jimmy Slattery, Jack Delaney and Young Stribling, but in a return with Delaney on July 16, 1926, at Brooklyn, New York, he ost his crown by a 15-round decision. It was a remarkable feat in those days to win a world title, especially when it was only after an unheard of 28 fights. But Berlenbach captured the crown from Mike McTigue at New York City on May 30, 1925, when he decisioned the champion over 15-rounds. Among the greate fighters who Berlenbach fought were Mickey Walker, Johnny Risco, Battling Siki and Larry Estridge. Paul Berlenbach, although retired, is an active VBA member and attends all meeting of Ring 21, of which he is president. Letters may be sent to him c/o this writer. Sitting with me at the dinner was Joe Mulli, a boxer from 1928 to 1943. He started as a featherweight and finished as a middleweight, and enjoyed the monicker bestowed upon him, "The Left Hook King." Brought up in the tough Redhook district of Brooklyn, he is on record as having fought 190 contests. Among the fighters he fought are such names as Fred Apostel, Andre Jesserin, Ernie "Cat" Robinson, Joe Boscorline. Joe had the best in managers, Lew Burstein and Fred Amorosa. Now Joe owns his own construction company and is financially sound. Mulli is proud of his daughter Marian Mute, who owns her own fashion business in New York City at 6 East 39th Street.. . . .

Met up with a former fistic great, Nick Masters who as a lightheavy fought the best: Bob Pastor, Melio Bettina and Mark Hough. Formerly from Far Rockaway, N.Y., he now resides in Inwood, Long Island, N.Y. Nick recently retired from the New York Fire Department after 36 years and on occasions is found at his son Mike's Florist Shop in Inwood. . . .

Old-Timers may remember Augie Palleschi. He was the National AAU 126 and 135 pound champion. He is now the president of the Hewlett Republican Club and owner of the Deveon Fruit Market in Woodmere, Long Island. He is an active member of VBA, Ring 21. He drives in to Brooklyn from his home town of Hewlett, New York, just to spend a few hours with the boys. This is his 16th year as a member. Augie, has two children, Arnold a Civil Engineer and Diane, who is with I.T.T. in New York City. His wife Madeliene is a boxing buff and its she who gets the RING magazine and *Ring Record Book*. . . .

Former featherweight Everett Rightmire met the best. Two of them, 126 pound king Chalky Wright and NBA holder of the featherweight crown Sal Bartola indicated to me that he was right up there with the best. Nowdays, Everett is a little heavier. He opeates a popular Bar dn Grill-in-Sioux City, Iowa. . . .

Two-Ton Tony Galento related to me that he met and beat three fighters in one might. Frankie Kitz—1 round, Joe Brian in 1 round and Paul Phierman went in 3 rounds. All this happened on August 6, 1931. This writer met up with Tony, when he was an honored guest at the IVBA, Ladies Auxiliary 2nd Annual Dinner at Newark, New Jersey, recently. A diabetes victim, Tony suffers from a leg ailment and uses a stick, but his stout heart and endless jokes belie his sickness. . . .

Drop a line to former New Rochelle lightweight Tiger Flowers. Old-timers still tell me about the fabulous fights that Tiger had with former world Jr. welterweight champion Jackie "Kid" Berg. Their's was a duel. Three times they fought in Madison Square Garden. Tiger lives at 28 Winthrop Ave., New Rochelle, N.Y. He would love to have your cards and letters. . . .

Jackie "Kid" Berg writes to me fro his Sussex, England, home regularly. He is very well and works on moving pictures as an actor and often is seen on television. He is currently working on his biography. His daughter is well known in England as a portrait painter and has many clients who are of Royal blood. Jack would like to obtain film work in the USA, but wishes to be remembered to all his friends. He had plenty, as he had 106 contests in the United States, with 88 in the New York area. . . .

Tony Janiro is well. He is a popular bartender in uptown Manhattan. . . .

Former welter weight Freddie Cabriel is employed with the Recreation Department, Cambridge, Massachusetts. . . . Former lightweight king Ismale Laguna lives in Panama. He is a health and fitness consultant for the government. . . . Former welter champion Tommy Freeman lives in Garland County, Arkansas. . . . Former welter champion Tommy Freeman lives in Garland County, Arkansas. . . . Former boxer Al Braverman, one of the world's leading matchmakers, is also doing well as a manager. Both of his heavyweights, John "Dino" Dennis and big Chuck Wepner, fought Muhammad Ali and lost their bids for the title. Braverman, right hand man to Don King—the international promoter, is also involved with antiques, owner of stores in New York. His daughter Cory is a singing star with R.C.A. Records and is listed in the top ten. . . . Allie Stolz, the crackerjack lightweight of the 40's, is doing very well as construction contractor in New Jersey. . . Ran into a former fight favorite of the New York area, Carmine Fatta. His real name, he told me, was Louis Muratore, but because he was only 16 years old and under

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HECTOR THOMPSON REGAINS COMMONWEALTH AND AUSSIE TITLES

By RAY MITCHELL

Hector Thompson, 138¾, regained his Commonwealth and Australian junior-welterweight titles from Lachy "Baby Cassius" Austin, 139½, by gaining a split pints decision over 15 at the Perth Entertainment Centre. There was not much in it, referee Dal Conway carding to Thompson 72-69, judge Jack Rennie voting for Thompson 72-70, but judge Dinny Heaney saw it Austin's way by quite a big margin.

You will recall that in their first meeting Austin won the titles when Thompson strained a cartilage in his left knee. That was in the 15th round, and coming into that fateful round referee Dinny Heaney—sole judge—had Austin ahead by 6½ points.

This time Thompson was fitter and more determined but Austin gave him a helluva fight in an exciting battle. There were no knockdowns.

In the main support over ten rounds Phil Barrett, 168, of South Australia, outpointed local Graham Wynne, 164.

Thompson went to Thailand soon after the Austin fight, and at the Rajdamnern Stadium, Bangkok, he clearly and unanimously outpointed Thai Jong Sathiragym Wiwl over 10. Each scaled 141½. Thompson was very popular in Thailand and is wanted back. It is likely that he will get a title shot there against Saensak Muangsurin later this year.

▲**Brisbane Festival Hall** opened for the first time since Hector Thompson beat Carlos Gimenez there last year, when Tony Jundine, 174, retained his Commonwealth light-heavyweight title by outpointing Ernie Barr, 172, from the Bahamas, over 15. Barr nullified Mundine's big shots by lying in on him and Tony did not seem to know how to counteract this. Rather gruelling but not a spectacular fight. Referee Des Crabbe scored it 72-70 which seemed rather harsh on Mundine.

▲**At Caloundra,** some 65 miles north of Brisbane, Merv Wockner, 124¼, retained his Australian featherweight title by KO over Roger Henry, 126, in the 8th round. Referee Alan Moore called it off as Henry hit the deck for the third time in the round.

In two eight-round supports, Rex Cannon, 124¼, carried too many guns for Noel Kelly, 125½, to win clearly on points, while Kevin Gibb, 139½, had a difficult time in outpointing Dawsey Kelly, 145. However, Gibb broke a bone in his left hand in the opening round. He previously had outpointed Kelly easily.

Australian junior-middle champ John Layont, 152¼, held his crown at his first defence by halting Ron Sheldon, 152, in the 10th round. Referee Alf Weymark called it off as Sheldon sat on the canvas for thse second time in the round. Layont had too much speed and class but Sheldon gave a good account of himself.

In the main support Tony Fotia, 10.2, did a repeat on Dave Agnew, 10.2, by outpointing him. Not much difference in the points in this 10-rounder.

Rising Melbourne junior-welter Frank Ropis, 142, held Papuan Martin Beni, 146, to a draw over ten at Port Moresby, Papua-New Guinea. Good solid fight and a return is likely.

Classy Neil Pattel, 146½, had too much on the ball for Phil Khan, 147, in their ten billed for the N.S.W. State welter title at North Sydney Leagues Club, Cammeray. After a purple patch in the second round in which he had Pattel dazed, Khan fell under the straight-left spell of Pattel and in the eighth round Phil fell three times whereupon referee Jimmy Carruthers stopped the fight.

▲**At Melbourne Festival Hall** local light-heavy John Halley, 173, clearly outpointed N.S.W. ditto Rino Zurik, 176, over ten.

▲**Mark Barnett** made a return to action after several months inactivity, to add to his KO record when the ref called off the action in the fifth round with Alby Roberts making no attempt to do anything but seek self-preservation behind folded arms and bent-forward body. Venue was South Sydney Junior Leagues Club, Kingsford. Each scaled 151.

▲**At the same venue** two weeks later, Speedy Duke, 145, edged Joey Collins, 146, in a good bout that drew a shower of coins from ringsiders.

▲**Final result of the month:** Benny Wayne, 148, knocked out Dick Bolton, 147, in the fifth round of a scheduled eight-round main at Manly-Warringah Leagues Club, Brookvale, June 29.

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ALVARO LOPEZ, RANZANY WIN

By CHRISTOPHER COATS

STOCKTON—Alvaro Lopez, 174, world rated light heavyweight, scored a third round knockout over Manuel Fierro, 178, at the Stockton Civic Auditorium. Lopez now expects a match against WBA champion Victor Galindez in New York later this year.

After a cautious first round, Lopez began opening up on his tricky opponent. Alvaro's jab was giving Fierro fits. Again and again it would land, no matter how much Fierro would bob and weave. Lopez was able to crack his left in. At the end of the second, Fierro's nose was bloodied and his face had the look of an unhappy man.

Lopez looked coiled, mean and determined in the third and Fierro lacked the skills to keep him off. When Fierro tried to move inside he was blasted in his midsection. There was no place for him to go, he was losing on the inside, and getting tagged freely from a distance.

Finally, a number of left jabs set Fierro up for an overhand right that sent him flat on his back and unable to rise for the remaining seven seconds of the round.

The show was promoted by Al Nunes, with Jack Cruz, father-in-law to Lopez, acting as matchmaker. A crowd of 1,573 paid a healthy $10,561.

Lopez has also been offered a match against Mike Rossman in Madison Square Garden, possibley in November.

Lopez's manager, Benny Casing, says: "Rossman would be little trouble for Alvaro, but Galindez is really the one we want. We've been patient for many years, we'll be patient some more."

Promoter Al Nunes would like to lure Lonnie Bennett in against Lopez for a rematch. Under California rules, when a fighter who has been butted is ahead on points, he is declared the winner.

In the undercard, Junior Albers, 170, Euerka, won by a wide margin over Mustafa El-Amin, 175, Oakland, six rounds. In the opening bout, Fred Lorona, Fresno, 148, was shceduled for six rounds against Larry Stauffacher, Eureka, 146, but Lorona needed just 48 seconds and one good combination to put Stauffacher on ice.

▲**SACRAMENTO**—Pete Ranzany successfully defended his North American Boxing Federation welterweight title against Baba McCarthy, but he was looking for something better than a twelve round decision.

A partisan crowd of 3472 was also looking for Ranzany to halt his persistent opponent with his usually devastating power. But McCarthy, from Seattle, survived everything that hit him and finally arose in the final round from the only knockdown of the fight to hang on for the final bell.

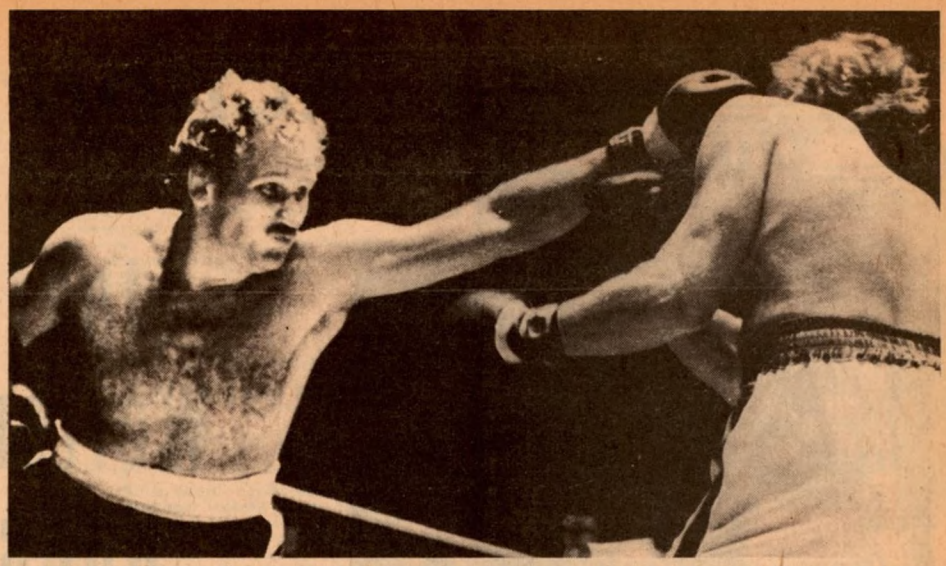
The fight was held at the Sacramento Community Center and was promoted by Babe Griffin, who had no complaints about the $29,633 collected at the gate. Last month Ranzany won a unanimous .ten round decision over McCarthy at Stateline, Nevada, in what many felt would be a "cinch" fight for Ranzany. That fight was anything but a cinch for Ranzany, who is rated number 1 by The Ring, as he was rocked hard in the opening two rounds by McCarthy. But Ranzany came back in a fierce battle to win the remaining eight rounds and the decision.

McCarthy, 146, with a jaw like a sidewalk, possessed all the necessary skills to last against the hard hitting contender. Ranzany won convincingly, but was frustrated because he hit McCarthy with his best shots only to have his foe shake them off and come back with wicked counter punches.

Ranzany finally achieved what he was after when he caught McCarthy flush on the chin with a right hand in the twelfth. McCarthy had been staggered in previous rounds, but a follow up left finally dropped him. Up at the count of five, McCarthy resorted to desperate holding to survive the round.

The officials scored it 119-110, 119-109, and 117-111. In terms of rounds, The Ring scored it 9-3 for Ranzany. McCarthy departed the ring on his own two feet, no small accomplishment considering the terrible lacing he took.

In other bouts, Sacramento heavyweight Dave Plisko, 198, proved once again that the bigger they come, the harder they hit the canvas, as he knocked out Ben Collins, 238, Seattle, at 1:14 of the third. Oakland welterweight Vicente Hernandez, 143, took a split decision over Alfred Larona, 143, Fresno, in eight rounds.



After his first round KO by Ken Norton, Duane Bobick is back! Bobick, Bowlus, Minn., right, scored a technical knockout against Minneapolis' Scott Le Doux, left, in the eighth round of their Bloomington, Minn. bout.

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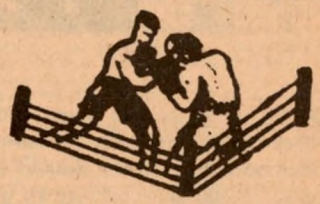

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ACTION IN EUROPE

By JACK A. TREE

Eipel Takes EBU Welter Title From Hansen on Butt

Germany's Jorg Eipel won the EBU welterweight title from Dane Jorgen Hansen when the referee disqualified Hansen for butting his opponent.

BERLIN — In the last fourteen days we have been served up with two world and three European title fights. Carlos Monzon held on to his middleweight crown in Monte Carlo with a decision over Rodrigo Valdes, but Eckhard Dagge lost his WBC junior middleweight title being ko'ed for the first time in his career by Rocky Mattioli in Berlin. On the same bill Jorg Eipel, Germany, became the youngest European champion ever taking the welterweight title from Dane, Jorgen Hansen, on a disqualification in round thirteen.

At Glasgow, Briton Jim Watt won Perico Fernandez' vacated European lightweight crown by beating Frenchman Andre Holyk, and at Rimini, Primo Brandini, Italy, won Dave Green's (GB) vacated crown (junior welter) beating Frenchman Jean Baptiste Piedvache, the latter being disqualified in round five. Jim Watt was favorite to beat Holyk for he had already beaten the Frenchman on points two years ago in the eyes of most only to find two officials voting against him. The German judge made Watt the winner but the Italian referee and the Belgian judge saw Holyk the winner. The 29-year-old Watt has now won 29 of his 36 bouts, while Holyk has lost his third from 34 outings with 3 draws.

The French are still at war over the third man's decision to disqualify Jean Baptiste Piedevache in round five against Italian Primo Bandini for the vacant junior welterweight title. Piedevache was getting on top after a slow start and Bandini had a cut over the left eye. The third man, Tomser, Germany, held up Piedevache's arm as the winner when Bandini appeared reluctant to box on. After a protest from the Italian boxer Tomser made it known that he had disqualified the Frenchman, Piedevache, for butting. The junior welterweight title has now been won by fifteen boxers and the division has had 32 bouts.

To see the once great Emile Griffith taken to part several times over the past two years over here in Europe has made one feel sick. His most recent embarrassment was a points defeat by European middleweight champion, Alan Minter, at Monte Carlo. Griffith having his 112th bout was caught by a hard left from the southpaw champion in the fifth which staggered him. The German third man, Kurt Halbach, imposed a standing count of eight and when another left caught Griffith (39) on the jaw Halbach took a mandatory count of eight over the American. Pity Emile did not hang up his gloves four or perhaps five years ago before Alan Minter and the rest of the pack took him apart. Yet only a year ago Griffith came close to dethroning WBC junior middleweight champion, Eckhard

EUROPEAN RATINGS

Heavyweights
* Lucien Rodriguez (F)
1. Lorenzo Zanon (I)
2. Alfredo Evangelista (S)
3. Alfio Righetti (I)
4. Dante Cane (I)
5. Domenico Adinolfi (I)
6. Jean Pierre Coopman (B)
7. Kurt Ludecke (G)
8. Bernd August (G)
9. Jose Urtain (S)
10. Piere Mario Baruzzi (I)

Junior Middles
* Maurice Hope (GB)
1. Eckard Dagge (G)
2. Frank Wissenbach (G)
3. Joe Bonnetaz (F)
4. Gilbert Cohen (F)
5. Marcel Giordanella (F)
6. Claude Martin (F)
7. Mimoun Mohatar (F)
8. Josef Pachler (A)
9. Vincent Ungaro (I)
19. Jean Andre Emmerich (G)

Lightweights
* Jim Watt (GB)
1. Giancarlo Usai (I)
2. Vincenzo Burgio (I)
3. Antonio Puddu (I)
4. Vincenzo Quero (I)
5. Andre Holyk (F)
6. Jeronimo Lucas (S)
7. Alonso San Miguel (S)
8. Giancarlo Barabotti (I)
9. Gilbert Oraldo (F)
10. Hans Henrik Palm (D)

Light heavies
* Mate Parlov (Yugo)
1. Aldo Traversaro (I)
2. Francois Fiol (S)
3. Freddy DeKerpel (B)
4. Robert Amory (F)
5. Harald Skog (N)
6. Ennio Cometti (I)
7. Onelio Grando (I)
8. Leo Kakolewicz (G)
9. Michel Dylbaitys (F)
10. Avenamar Peralta (S)

Welterweights
* Jorg Eipel (G)
1. Jorgen Hansen (D)
2. Horacio Ruiz (S)
3. Alois Carmeliet (B)
4. Toni Ortiz (S)
5. Alain Marion (F)
6. Marco Scano (I)
7. Giovanni Molesini (I)
8. Luciano Borracia (I)
9. Louis Acaries (F)
10. Jacques van Mellaerts (F)

Junior Lights
* Natale Vezzoli (I)
1. Antonio Guinaldo (S)
2. Georges Cotin (F)
3. Roland Cazeaux (F)
4. Carlos Hernandez (S)
5. Ethen Ozakalim (T)
6. Miguel Molleda (S)
7. Albert Amatler (F)
8. Manuel Lllata (S)
9. Salvatore Liscapade (I)
10. Ramon Garcia Marichal (S)

Middleweights
* Alan Minter (GB)
1. Gratien Tonna (F)
2. Vito Antuofermo (I)
3. Jean Mateo (F)
4. Rudi Coopmans (H)
5. Germano Valsecchi (I)
6. Angelo Jacopucci (I)
7. Frank Reiche (G)
8. Mario Romersi (I)
9. Poul Knudsen (D)
10. Robert Benaquista (I)

Junior Welters
* Primo Bandini (I)
1. Jean Baptiste Piedevache (F)
2. Perico Fernandez (S)
3. Fernando Sanchez (S)
4. Bruno Freshi (I)
5. Erkki Meronen (Fin)
6. Jean Saadli (F)
7. Efisio Pinna (I)
8. Alain Salmon (F)
9. Claude Lormeau (F)
10. Piere Younsi (F)

Featherweights
* Pedro Nino Jimenez (S)
1. Cecilio Lastra (S)
2. Elio Cotena (I)
3. Isidoro Cabeza (S)
4. Michele Siracusa (F)
5. Sergio Emili (I)
6. Pasqualino Morbidelli (I)
7. Natale Caredda (I)
8. Salvatore Melluzzo (I)
9. Michel Lefebvre (F)
10. Antonio Rubio (S)

Bantamweights
* Franco Zurlo (I)
1. Salvatore Fabrizio (I)
2. Juan Francisio Rodriguez (S)
3. Guy Caudron (F)
4. Jacky Bihin (F)
5. Daniel Trioulaire (F)
6. Luigi Tessarin (F)
7. Esteben Eguia (S)
8. Pedro Molledo (S)
9. Teodoro Corallo (I)
10. Claudio Tanda (I)

Flyweights
* Franco Udella (I)
1. Fritz Chervet (Switz)
2. Franco Sperati (I)
3. Emilio Pireddu (I)
4. Franco Buglione (I)
5. Jose Cantero (S)
6. Manuel Carrasco Hernandez (S)
7. Mariano Garcia (S)
8. Christian Martin (F)
9. Daniel Charvet (F)
10. Sabatino DeFilippo (I)

European Champion

Legend: B Belgium; D Denmark; F France; Fn Finland; G Germany; GB Great Britain; H Holland; I Italy; L Luxembourg; NY Norway; S Spain; Sd Switzerland; Sw Sweden; Y Yugoslavia.

Dagge!

35-year-old, Bruno Arcari, Italy, former WBC junior welterweight champion, has decided to make a come back after a lay off for fifteen months. Having drawn with Rocky Mattioli who recently dethroned Eckhard Dagge, and having beaten Jorge Hansen, who recently lost his European welter title to German Jorg Eipel, Arcari feels he can still make the grade.

The French Boxing Federation has decided that a French champion who is named for a European title fight and is unable to defend his French title, must relinquish it.

I would like to hear from more promoters and managers regarding their promotions and boxers. Send me a photograph of your fighter (s) so that it can appear in this magazine. My address is, Streitstrasse 55, I BERLIN, 20, Germany.

My old friend Walter Englert has passed on at 75 which is a little too soon. Walter Englert who once delivered drinks to Germany's first heavyweight champion, Otto Flint, who had a restaurant back in 1919, then got involved in boxing himself and managed such fighters as Walter Neusel who was perhaps his favorite of all the top class men he handled. Englert was responsible for hundreds of promotions in Germany and his last was the joint promotion with Joachim Gottert and Harry Levene in Frankfort 1966 when Muhammed Ali defended his crown against Karl Mildenberger.

The ruling body governing the sport in Germany is now BDB (Verband der Faustkampfer.) The president is Fritz Gretschel and the vice president, Fritz Wiene, both expromotors and managers. Gretzschel who stepped out of boxing because of ill health, is a devil for punishment. Even on the day the new body was formed Fritz had to get a day pass from the local hospital to be present. The hospital authorities were not made happier when Gretzschel made his application for a pass on the following day to attend the WBC world title fight between Dagge and Mattioli.

ITALY

▲**Livornoa** — Welterweight. Giorgio Maggio beat Sjfudan Hozic, Yugoslavia, KO4.

▲**Fidenza** — Middleweight. Gianni Mingardi decisioned Domenico Tiberia, eight.

▲**Bologna** — Featherweight. Vito Viola outscored Giovanni Mura, six.

▲**Milan** — Heavyweight. Lorenzo Zanon beat Quintana Trujillo, KO1. Lightweight. Aristide Pizzo beat Domenico Condello, TKO4. Middleweight. Matteo Salvemini beat Luciano Spina, TKO5. Welterweight. Luciano Navvarra beat Angelo Tomasini, TKO4.

▲**Vigevano** — Luigi Tesarin held on to his Italian bantamweight title outscoring Claudio Tanda, twelve.

▲**Pordenone** — Aldo Traversaro retained his Italian light heavyweight title beating Christian Cavina who retired with a cut eye in round five. Light heavyweight. Jose Gomez beat Onelio Grando who was disqualified in the firts.

▲**Jessolo** — Welterweight. Paolo Zanusso beat Remo Costa who retired with a cut eye in the third.

▲**Senigallia** — Junior welterweight. Giuseppe Martinese beat Piero Meraviglia, six. Junior lightweight. Fulvio Giancomini outscored Antonio Pocai, eight.

▲**Castelfiorentino** — Giancarlo Usai is the new Italian lightweight champion beating Vinceno Burgio, TKO7. Featherweight. Bernardo Ciaramella beat Vincenzo Di Ruocco, TKO3.

▲**Fort Village** — Welterweight. Guido Galletti beat Antimo Tescione, TKO1.

▲**Milan** — Giovanni Molesini outscored Luciano Borraccia, ten. Heavyweight. Romeo Matgarini beat Antimo Tescione, TKO1.

▲**Civitanova** — Sergio Emili outscored champion, Natale Caredda twelve to win the Italian featherweight crown.

▲**Rome** — Heavyweight. Alfio Righetti outscored Cookie Wallace, eight. Rocky Mattioli beat Angel Ortiz, KO3. Welterweight. Mario Guilotti outscored Nelson Gomez, six. Vincenzio Moruzzi decisioned Nicola Sassanelli, six. Heavyweight. Wendell Wood beat John Gerowski on points over four rounds.

▲**Lugo** — Middleweight. Angelo Jacopucci outscored Giuseppo Borghi, eight. Bantamweight. Angelo Mulas decisioned De Franca, eight.

▲**Viste** — European junior lightweight champion Natale Vezzoli made a successful defense against the Berlin based Turk, Ethem Oezakalin, KO11. The champion's left eye was swollen in round five and proved an handicap. Oezakalin suffered from double vision during the fight after a clash of heads and this did not improve his chances. The Turk has lost only two of his 17 fights.

▲**Rimini** — Primo Brandini (I) won the vacant junior welterweight title beating Frenchman Jean Piedevache, the latter being disqualified in round five.

SPAIN

▲**Bilbao** — Horacio Ruiz outscored Jose Luis Fernandez, twelve, to win the vacant Spanish welterweight title. Sugar Silex outpointed Alex Cardoso, eight. Junior middleweight. Andoni Amaya beat Daniel Makre, KO2.

SWITZERLAND

▲**Basle** — European light heavyweight champion, Mate Parlov (29), Yugoslavia, clearly outscored his Norwegian challenger, Harold Skog (28) over fifteen rounds. Referee Serrano, Spain, and judges Leschot and Marti scored in favor of Parlov, 147-139, 150-136 and 149-143. Parlov will probably vacate the crown to meet WBC champion Miguel Cuello. Parlov was six pounds over the limit a day or so before his fight with Skog. Middleweight. Giampaolo Piras lost in the fourth to Moukendjo. Ex European champion, Lothar Abend, Germany (33) outscored Rudi Vogel, Switzerland, (30) over six rounds.

BELGIUM

▲**Ostend** — Featherweights. Georges Lietar outscored Jean Keirseblick, six.

▲**Ghent** — Junior welterweight. Clinton McKenzie outscored Messaoud Bouachiba, eight.

FRANCE

▲**Dijon** — Marcel Giordanella outscored Gerard Nosley twelve to win the vacant French light middleweight title.

▲**Argensteiul** — Middleweight. Daniel Bouleux outscored Gerard Breton, eight.

▲**Longlaville** — Welterweight. Jacky Landini decisioned Andre Camonin, eight.

▲**Monte Carlo** — Welterweight. Billy Waith lost KO7 to Daniel Gonzalez. Middleweight. Billy Knight (GB) outscored Willie Warren (USA), eight. Middleweight. Norberto Cabrera beat Ali Perez, TKO4.

TEXAS BOXING NEWS

By HARLAN HAAS

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas—Adolfo Montalvo, 118, won a busy four rounder from Ricardo Flores, 125; Victor Cid, 140, outdueled Edwardo Vega, 135, six rounds. Arturo Cirilo, 154, stopped Lamar Baskin, 148, in the fifth round of a slated eight; Ignacio Lopez, 165, kayoed Adolfo Rivas, 161, in the second round; Herman Marquez, 158, required only two rounds to flatten veteran Alfonso (Coneja) Aguirre, 164, in a scheduled 10-round main event.

▲**SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**—Alejos Rodriguez, 139, stopped Norberto Rodriguez, 134, in the first round of a scheduled six; Robert Vasquez, 134½, T-kayoed Juan Angel Villasana, 131¼, in the sixth of a scheduled 10-rounder; Rafael Duran, 121½, stopped Rosendo Garcia, 120, in two rounds of another shceduled 10. Gabriel "Gabby" Cantera, 120, stop Lorenzo H. Gutierrez, 114, in the ninth of a scheduled of 10.

▲**ELPASO, TEXAS**—Santos Moreno, 124¾, stopped Gerardo Martinez, 124, in the second; Javier Caballero, 128¾, stopped Pablo Medel, 130, in the eighth; Ernesto Caballero, 147¾, TKOd Tony Gonzales, 147, two rounds; Armando Muniz, 150½, disposed of Ruben Vasquez, in the eighth round. All four bouts were scheduled for 1;-rounds each.

▲**HOUSTON, TEXAS**—Ruben Guerra has a successful operation going at Latin World, and some of the most rabid boxing fans the writer has seen in years. The genial promoter and his matchmaker Jose Gonzales have done a magnificent job and have been rewarded by the fine turnouts.

His latest card, like the others, had the crowd in a frenzy. In the opener Luis Tapia, 125, Jalisco, kayoed Jesus Gutierrez, 122, Reynosa, in the second round after adsorbing all kinds of punishment.

Jose Soto, 132, Reynosa, had the trailer and long haired Ruben Nunez, 138, San Antonio, down three times before the referee halted the bout in the first round. In an eight round bout Larry Brown, 135, Corpus Christi, had his hands full with game Rudy Rodriguez, 135, Monterrey, but experience told off as he finally stopped the willing Rodriguez at 2:14 of round four. The semi-final eight saw Joe Donatto, 189, Corpus Christi, decision rugged Juan De La Garza, 181, Pt. Lavaca. De La Garza employed a peek-a-boo style, and his prodigious wallops kept the crowd on edge. Donatto has very qyick hands and his excellent boxing was too much for the club fighting tough guy from Pt. Lavaca.

The main go was perhaps the finest action fight seen in Houston in several years—what a battle! Jesse Lara and Prisciliano "Zip" Castillo never let up for 10 solid rounds of the most bruising you hit me and I'll hit you type milling imaginable. Lara won by a split decision margin and his hand was raised in token of victory by referee Mark Tessman (the former light-heavy contender).

▲**SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**—Harrison Kiger, 123½, kayoed Oscar Antu, 118, in the curtain raising six of a Tony Padilla promotion in the Alamo City. Tony Aranda, 132½ pounded out a 10-round decision over Juan Dande Ramirez, 135. Augustine Estrada, 133, kayoed highly regarded Roberto Vasquez, 134¾, in the ninth round. Rodolfo Martinez, 120½, stopped Mike Ayala, 121½, in the seventh and the youthful Ayala went down to his first defeat as a pro.

▲**EL PASO, TEXAS**—Richie Fuentes, 149, decisioned Mario Arzate, 145, in six. Earl Large, 124, copped an eight round decision from Jose Navarette, 124. Marian Bermudez, 129¼, stopped Delores Thorton, 125, in the very first round of a girl's match. Randall Cobb, 231¼, kayoed Ernest (Ernie) Smith, 217½, in three rounds. Arturo (Art) Leon, 135¼, drew in 10 with Miguel Estrada, 136. Pete Melendez, Vic Villareal, and Jose Borzi served as judges and referees.

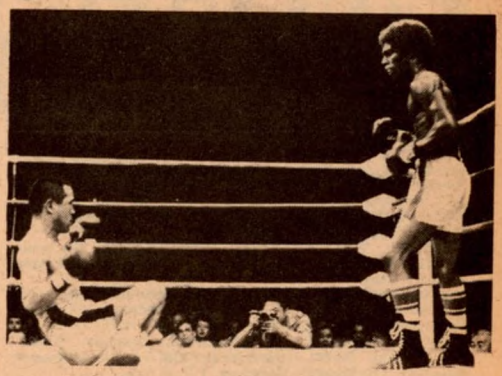
▲**AUSTIN, TEXAS**—Alejos Rodriguez, 144½, stopped James Wallace, 143, in 1:29 of round two. Dave McMinn, 158, kayoed Al davila, 154¼, in the first round. Billy Miller, 150½, former Golden Glove champ, stopped Robert Perez, 152¼, in the second. Ed Modicue, 144, stopped Trini Hernandez, 151, in the eighth and final round. Verlee Price, 208½, won an eight round decision from Sonny Kissman, 198. Tommie McDonald and George Cooper the transplanted Californian boxed a four round exhibition.

▲**HOUSTON, TEXAS**—Martin Jimenez, 149, decisioned Leon McCullum, 154, in a rousing four rounder. Terry Strappnel, 135, stopped Rolando Rodriguez, 130, in the fifth round. Johnny Rezendez Mendoza, 164, kayoed James Coleman, 162, in the fourth. Juan Rodriguez, 115, stopped veteran Rodolfo Ibarra, 119, in the seventh round. Jimmy (Zurdo) Martinez, 130, kayoed Shannon Williams, 130, in the third. Roberto Quintinilla, 126, iced Leonard Boyd, 121, in the second round.

▲**MARSHALL, TEXAS**—Ray Campos, 138, and Arturo Cirilo, 144, opened the show with a exhibition. Alfonso (Canejo) Aguirre, 162, stopped Paul Arriaga, 160, in the third. Raul Aguirre, 155, didn't waste much time chilling Adolfo Rivas, 162, in the first round. Bob Hazleton, 216, flattened the much smaller Al Bolden, 184, in two.

Furuyama Upset by Curry

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI



Tetsuo Furuyama hits the mat for the second time in round five in his bout with Bruce Curry in Tokyo. Furuyama was counted out at 2:39 of that round. Photo credit—Makoto Maeda.

TOKYO, JAPAN — Lefty puncher Tetsuo Furuyama, Japan's iron jaw boxer who had never been knocked down even by world champs Antonio Cervantes or Shengsak Muangsurin during his ten year career, astonishingly went down twice and suffered quite an upset knockout at the hands of unheralded rookie Bruce Curry, Los Angeles, in the fifth round at Korakuen Hall. None of some 2,000 spectators had expected such a fine stoppage as the 21-year-old Californian who had compiled only a 7-2 record (three by kayo) thus scored.

Muscular armed and bull necked Furuyama, 29, weighed in at 141½ pounds.

Curry, one pound lighter, started tossing speedy jabs against the cautious slow starter. The opening session was taken by Curry.

In round two neither scored any good blows, while the third canto saw Curry in command by a slight margin.

Plenty of ringsiders were on their feet at the end of the next fourth session, as Furuyama nailed his opponent against the ropes to score a wicked right shot at the jaw of the speedster. Curry, with rubber legs, endured the storm by the Japanese southpaw puncher who clearly dominated the round.

After Curry's narrow escape, manager Jessie Reid shouted to his man to utilize his footwork as much as possible, which Curry did in the first half of the fatal fifth round. Furuyama tried to go after the dodger for a kayo, repeatedly swinging his vaunted right. Midway in the three minutes, an incredibly well-timed and strong right of Bruce's caught Furuyama's chin. Down he went for the first time in 53 games. The crowd there was startled silent.

Furuyama regained his feet, but the youthful Curry swarmed over the southpaw with a series of punches in a neutral corner. A smashing left hook to the temple following half a dozen punches at the face of Furuyama almost made him fall flat on his face. In agony he tried to stand up, but the damage done was such that the sturdy lefthander was counted out by the third man Yoshida. The time was 2:39 of the fifth round.

The card had been ballyhooed as an eliminator to decide a challenger against Muangsurin's crown in the WBC junior welterweight division.

The soft spoken and modest Bruce said, "Furuyama's punches were very solid, but I relied on my speedier hand, as you saw."

In 1976 Bruce turned pro, after having tabbed 28 wins in 35 amateur bouts, during which time he won the Golden Gloves Award as a featherweight in 1974.

Most of the bouts on the undercard presented by Misako Promotion, resulted in spectacular kayos. In a supporting tenner, junior counter-puncher lightweight Koji Kunishige survived the furious opening attack of lefty Masayuki Miyashita, Furuyama's stablemate in Sasazaki Club, to turn the tables with good straight punches decking Miyashita twice before KOing him in the seventh round.

Unbeaten Shinijin-o (Novice king) winner of this year, Kesaharu Tsuruta, whom Misako had piloted since the ex-amateur puncher entered the pro field, pushed his winning streak to ten in as many starts, as he collected a KO from Makoto Saito, 125½, in a quick 0:52 of the second round. Tsuruta, scaling at 126 pounds, was a hope rated No. 7 in the featherweight class by JBC.

Another new Shinijin-o lightweight victor, Mitsuo Kobayashi, 130 and ranked No. 10, suffered a bitter setback by Shuhei Takebe, 129½, in the second round. Takebe overwhelmed the prospect with two bad knockdowns and caused profuse bleeding from the nose in the first session. Kobayashi responded to the more experienced rival hard, but sank for the count due to Takebe's incessant two-fisted attack.

With only three seconds left in the contest, Shigeru Goda, 139¾, polished off Junji Onodera, 138½, in the sixth round.

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MEXICAN HEAVY KING, MONTES, KEEPS CROWN

By EDUARDO AMER

NUEVO LAREDO, TAMAULIPAS: Fernando Montes, 191, Mexican heavyweight champion, technically kayoed Ignacio Villa, 185, in 7 of a non title bout. Pedro Flores, 128, tko'd Goyo Iracheta, 127, in 5. Felix Castro, 119, tko'd Francisco Rodriguez, 119, in nine.

▲**MEXICO CITY:** Freddy "El Riel" Hernandez, 112, of Colombia, decisioned Samuel Machorre, 112, in ten. Andres Fernandez, 143, beat Tito Cruz, 147, in 10. Francisco Gronzalez, 110, defeated Manuel Luna, 113, in 8. Fidencio Gonzalez, 126, tko'd Ruben Soriano, 126, in two. Manuel Mendez, 113, bested Evaristo Morales, 114, in four.

▲**MOTUL, YUCATAN:** Antonio "Chino" Benites, 113, whipped Ranulfo Cano, 113, in 8. William Vera, 110, stopped "Pajarito" May, 110, in four.

▲**TENOSIQUE, TOBASCO:** Ruben "Gato" Mancillay, 112, defeated Kid Copetes, 113, in ten. Juan Marquez, 117, halted Pedro Hernandez, 118, in 8.

▲**NUEVO LAREDO, TAMAULIPAS:** Gonzalo "Raton" Montes, 134, ko'd Lamar Bazkin, 133, in three. Joaquin Gonzalez, 119, tko'd Fili Gonzalez, 117, in nine.

▲**MEXICO CITY:** Arturo Uruzquieta, 111, tko'd Jose Sosa, 111, in six. Ubaldo "Colibri" Torres, gained Rodolfo "Tiniebas" Castillo, 126, in 10. Martin Gallegos, 111, and Agustin Lopez, 110, drew in 8. Marcelo Hernandez, 121, tko'd Jenaro Romero, 120, in six. Pepe Cordova, 111, decisioned Memo Catuar, 111, in four.

▲**TENOSIQUE:** Juan Hernandez, 125, tko'd Eduardo "Conejo" Hernandez, 126, in three. Francisco Figueroa, 112, embalmed Alberto Mendez, 114, in four.

▲**TIJUANA, BAJA CALIFORNIA:** Alfredo Pitalua, 134, of Colombia, tko'd Ignacio "Negro" Torres, 135, in six. Francisco Ponce, 123, tko'd Ramiro Borboa, 122, in one. Norberto Cabrera, 112, beat Jose Luis Valente, 113, in 8.

▲**MOTUL, HUCATAN:** Luis "Pajarito" Aguilar, 112, tko'd Kid Copetes, 113, in 8. Paulinm May, 117, beat Tomas Chable (Kid Papas), 117, in 6.

▲**ACAPULCO, GUERRERO:** Carmelo Montes, 112, outscored Jaime Zurita, 112, in 10. Jesus Sorroza, 114, won by a disqualification over Jaime Cruz, 115, in 7.

▲**TENOSIQUE:** Antonio "Zurdo" Lopez, 116, and Jorge Portela, 118, drew in ten. Guillermo Mis, 112, tko'd Roger Martinez, 113, in 3.

▲**CIUDAD VICTORIA, TAMAULIPAS:** Juan Paredes, 117, nailed Jose "Rielero" Castillo, 116, in 8.

▲**SALINA CRUZ, OAXACA:** Jorge Morales, 117, ko'd Rafael "Tanque" Gonzalez, 117, in two. Memo Oliva, 117, whipped Moi Ruiz, 117, in 10.

▲**CELAYA, GUANAJUATO:** Ray Esparza, 125, decisioned Antonio Villasana, 125, in ten.

▲**CAMPECHE:** Jose Gabriel Tzab, 112, tko'd Jose Garcia Cachon, 112, in tenth and last round. Jorge Vera, 111, defeated Miguel "Pulgarcito" Leal, 112, in ten. Santos Morales, 112, won from Jorge Pool, 112, in 6. Victor Cach, 111, bested Rolando Duran, 111, in four. Juan Duran, 109, tko'd Juan Vera, 110, in 3.

▲**TIJUANA, BAJA CALIFORNIA:** Abdul Dey, 125, USA, tko'd Jose Luis Hernandez, 130, in three. Francisco Ponce, 121, ko'd Al Torres, 119, in two. Ruben Solorio, 117, kayoed Sergio Perez, 117, in four.

MEXICO CITY: Jorge Vera, 112, tko'd Leo "Cuervo" Castellanos, 111, in ten. Manuel Hernandez, 117, tko'd Ambrosio Luna, 117, in 6. Manuel Martinez, 134, won over Felipe Bautista, 134, in 8. Miguel Chavez, 113, tko'd Arturo Huertas, 114, in 3. Martin Ordonez, 121, tko'd Alberto Ramirez, 122, in 3.

▲**TLAPEHUALA, GUERRERO:** German Torres, 112, stopped Joel Gatica, 112, in two. Ramiro Garcia, 118, polished off Emilio "Cacha" Zamora, 119, in 8.

▲**COATAZACOALCOS, VERACRUZ:** Ney Gordillo, 126, embalmed Gerardo Flores, 125, in two. Raul Rico, 112, beat Javier Loaiza, 112, in ten.

▲**MEXICO CITY:** Jose Murillo Medel, 125, tko'd Jose Sanchez, 126, in ten. Salvador "Negro" Sanchez, 132, tko'd Gustavo Segura, 134, in 3. Nestor Adam, 145, tko'd Francisco Macias, 147, in four. Agustin Palacios, 111, and Armando Perez, 111, drew in six. Felipe Azamar, 120, ko'd Moises Abad, 119, in two.

▲**MOTUL, YUCATAN:** Jose Zapata, 117, decisioned Juan Marquez, 117, in eight.

▲**TENOISQUE:** Luis Enrique Garcia, 112, tko'd Jose Luis "Chamaco" Cetina, 111, in tenth and last round.

▲**CHETUMAL, QUINTANA ROO:** Luis Coral, 125, halted Lupe Morales, 128, in 2. David Raygoza, 116, outpointed Jose May, 117, in eight rounds.

▲**GUADALAJARA, JALISCO:** Herminio "Loba" Ramirez, 161, tko'd Juan Antonio Leon, 159, in four. Francisco Ortiz, 116, lost to Pedro "Cachorro" Arroyo, 117, in 10.

▲**TEZUITLAN, PUEBIA:** Bernardo Barron, 158, knocked out David Cabrera, 157, in 3. Antonio Arcos, 125, halted Luis Alvarez, 124, in two. Rafael Pena, 134, beat Roberto Ordaz, 135, in 8.

▲**MEXICO CITY:** Antonio Kiris, 125, tko'd Pedro Sandoval, 124, in seven. Victor Hugo Aguirre, 112, tko'd Jose Luis Valencia, 112, in seven. Artemio Ramirez, 118, tko'd Carlos Urbano, 118, in four. Arsenio Mercado, 115, decisioned Jesus "Chucho" Lopez, 116, in six. Guillermo "Memo" Vallejo, 113, and Jose Aguilar, 112, drew in four.

▲**MONTERREY, NUEVO LEON:** Justo Garcia, 117, kayoed Aurelio Hinojosa, 118, in five.

▲**TENOISQUE:** Memo Oliva, 118, outscored Ariel Rodriguez, 117, in ten. Camilo "Guerrero" Ibarra, 125, technically stopped Jacobo May, 126, in five.

▲**GUADALAJARA, JALISCO:** Chucho Salcedo, 119, nailed Elpidio Valdez, 120, in 7. Al Martinez, 124, tko'd Roberto Martinez, 125, in four. Herminio Ramirez, 114, stopped Carlos Saucedo, 115, in 2.

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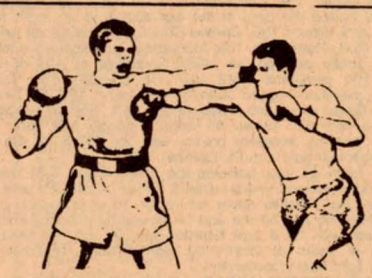

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ARRINGTON, COLBERT WIN

By JACQUES A. H. TACHAVER

Seattle, Washington—Ibar Arrington, 200¼ pounds, of Everett, Wash., flattened Macka Foley, 200, of Las Vegas, Nevada, in the second round of their heavyweight encounter at the Seatttle Center Arena before a turnout of about 1,000 fans.

Arrington, with one single clean right hand that landed with a heavy thud to the jaw, sent Foley to the canvas flat on his back, out cold for the full count. The end came at 1.25 of the 2nd round. Ibar did little in the opening session except press forward with his gloves and forearms crossed in front of his face, inviting Macka to open up and show what he had.

In the semifinal, Danny Brewer of Los Angeles pulled a surprise by upsetting well-regarded Marvin Camel of Missoula. The light heavyweight bout was stopped in the sixth due to a cut eye suffered by the lanky southpaw from Montana. Kenny Camel boxed to a six round draw with Larry Muse of Seattle in a middleweight go.

Ex-160 pound titleholder Gene Fullmer of Utah, refereeing a heavyweight bout between Stan Johnson of Seattle and Al Neuman, ended matters in the third round after Neuman arose from taking a nine count following a good straight right hand from Johnson. Neuman appeared to be able to continue and protested Gene's action. Neuman angrily and hastily left the ring in disgust before the ring announcer could do his part.

▲**VANCOUVER, B.C.**—Heavyweight George Jerome was suspended by the Canadian Professional Boxing Federation for not going thru with a Montreal match with Leon Spinks of St. Louis.

▲**VANCOUVER, B.C.**—Mike Colbert of Portland, Oregon, the number one contender in the 160 pound class, added the name of Mike Avans from Arizona to his list of victims while he marks time awaiting a shot at the championship.

Colbert, at 166½, had no trouble with Avans, 165, and coasted through the first four rounds, displaying nimble foot work and quick hands. Avans pressed forward throughout, but his punches were awfully slow and seldom landed. He made a game effort though but was completely outclassed.

Immediately after the bell had ended the sixth round the referee followed Avans back to his corner and halted the bout, giving Colbert a T.K.O. win in round seven.

In other bouts, Steve Tohill, 163½, Vancouver, B.C. was awarded a disputed six round unanimous decision over Jesse Torro, 168, Seattle, Wash. Daryl Penn 144, Portland Oregon, blasted Dave Rodriguez 137, Glendale, Calif., to the canvas three times in the second heat for a T.K.O. victory at 2.15 of the round.

In the best bout of the night, the opener, Yusuf Luqman, 166, Las Vegas, Nev., scored a unanimous but very close decision over James Williams, 166½, Portland, Oregon, in a six rounder. Luqman decked Williams in the latter's own corner with a crackling straight right hand in the fourth round, but Williams came roaring back in the fifth to bloody the nose of Luqman and knock his mouth piece out of the ring. The sixth was a real shoot out and appeared to be on even terms until Luqman hurt his man late in the round and Williams was in trouble at the final bell.

REFEREE MAKES HISTORY

The most unusual development on Sunnyside's final card of the spring season had nothing to do with the fisticuff part. Referee Harold Valan, due to the absence of his backup, found himself THE man in the ring for all six fights, the first time in State history that a single referee has worked an entire card.

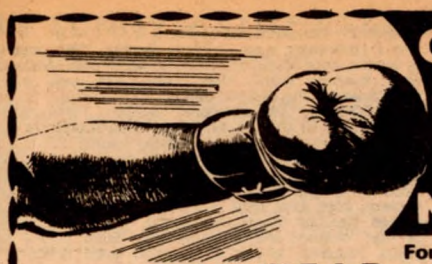
In the 8-round main event, Mexican-born New Jerseyan Ramon Ranquello, 180, returned to the ring after a seven month absence and eked out a narrow eight round decision over Bob Smith, 174, Louisiana.

The preliminaries were exciting and varied. The biggest fuss of the night was created by the six-rounder between Johnny Sears, 156, Queens, and Justice Ortiz, 149, Brooklyn. It was an incredibly mauling bout, with plenty of hard punching and plenty of healthy holding. Ortiz landed some dangerous right hands but they were spaced too far apart. Sears was the more consistent and got the decision. The fans booed for two minutes, favoring Ortiz.

A couple of scheduled eight-rounders were shortened by early KO's. Topflight local welter prospect Pat Maloney, 146, Bronx, had a walkover against Billy Coney, 143, Yonkers. Coney was down once in the first and thrice in the second, forcing an automatic stoppage at 1:14 of the second.

A knockout was scored by light-heavyweight Kevin Smith, 173, Jersey City, who brought the whole town with him. Smith, who is now 8-1 with all wins by KO, finished off Bernard McLean, 170, Brooklyn at 1:17 of the second.

A fighter with the unusual name of Jim Magnifico, 116, New Jersey, scored a four round verdict over Heriberto Sanchez, 112, Puerto Rico, in a scrappy but light-hitting bantam—fly bout.



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ORIENT ACTION

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

▲HIROMAE CITY, AOMORI PREFECTURE—Orient flyweight champion Jiro Takada, 112 pounds, went north to defend his championship for the fifth time since he had finished Filipino Orland Javierto in the tenth round at Koraduen Hall in March 1975, as the Nipponese unanimously defeated another hombre from the Philippines, Daniel Pilar, in 12 hot frames. Pilar, also weighing at 112, endured Takada's strong attack to go to the distance and win a praise of huge spectators there.

▲SOKA CITY—A triple main event was presented by Soka Arisawa Club in adjacent prefecture of Tokyo, featuring good performances by many prospects of the Club. Some 3,000 Japanese Spider (Shigemitsu) Nemoto took lopsided win from Yuh Chong-Tae, who entered the ring at 127 pounds, same weight as the victor. Shorter by six inches, Nemoto continued q winning streak to twenty-one.

In a second tenner, a sensational rematch, rugged hope Shuichi Isokami revenged his previous only loss to Gi Mifune, lefty JBC top bantam contender, by displaying a determined attack repeatedly and winning a unanimous verdict.

Akiyoshi Ogino, JBC No. two junior welterweight puncher, who had iced nine victims in 13 wins against two defeats, technically knocked out Sakae Sakashita, No. 9 fighter, at the end of the seventh session. The 23-year-old prospect scaled 140½ to Sakashita's 139¾ pounds. In a supporting sixter, Toshiaki Nita, 129 pounds, decisioned Roller Hayama, 127¼, unanimously.

▲PUSAN, KOREA—The biggest news of Japanese fighters' campaigns in foreign countries must be that Kiyoshi Kazama, JBC No. 4 lightweight speedster, held Orient titlist Oh Yong-Ho to a surprising round draw, after he battered Oh to have him at bay in the third round.

In a semi-final national middleweight title go, champion Park Nam-Yong successfully kept his leading position by finishing fellow countryman Kang Hung, winning in the fifth round to register his third successful defense.

▲OKLAHOMA CITY—A sensational Japanese heavyweight named Akira Saito who had scored three quick knockout wins from Jacky Smith in two. Tim Robinson and Frankie Taylor each in one round will reportedly to be accmpanied by manager Muneo Migoguchi and come back to Tokyo for his scheduled three fights. Saito, 22, will be welcome by ringsiders at Korakuen Hall, where we seldom see any exchanges of heavy punches by men who weight more than 175 pounds.

▲TOKYO, JAPAN—Hard-hitting Masahiro Yokai, 22-year-old ex-national amateur high school champ who had iced six men in nine wins against three defeats, seized the national lightweight title from shorter but sturdy Tamio Megishi, 133¾, by a stunning knockout in 2.59 of the tenth round—with only one second left—at Korakuen Hall.

Some 1,300 spectators were in attendance for the hard, fierce fight, considered by many the 'Fight of the Year.'

Defending champ Negishi, 24, displayed an opening attack which nailed Yokai against the ropes occasionally to give the round to the older close-range fighter with a six year career.

Though this reporter scored the fight 37-37, a majority decision by JBC officials went to the upset victor. Referee Morita and judge Sasaki saw it 37-36 for the comeback battler, while judge Kanaya had it 36-36.

▲KUMAGAYA CITY—Unbeaten national middleweight champion Masashi Kudo, 25-year-old boxer, stretched his winning streak to sixteen, as he whipped Saburo Sakai, JBC (Japan Boxing Commission) No. 4 contender, all the way, dropping him four times and stopping him in 48 seconds of the seventh round. Kudo's title was not at stake, and both tipped the beam at 161 pounds.

Some 3,500 fans at Kumagaya Gymnasium in Saitama Prefecture, adjacent to Tokyo, witnessed the local favorite display fine one-twos from the start to compile points steadily. They had fought twice previously with Kudo scoring two kayo wins, a one round KO in March last year and in nine sessions this January.

In a companion tenner, another unbeaten prospect, Takao Kawaguchi, scored a knockout over more experienced Norikazu Atomura in 40 seconds of the tenth canto. Each scaled at 126 pounds. Kawaguchi, not strong in punching but very agile in mobility, traded plenty of leather to Atomura's jaw all the way.

▲TOKYO, KORAKUEN HALL—20-year-old rookie boxer, Eijiro Mumata, 119¼, unanimously defeated Hurricane Teru, previously fighting as Shunzo Terukana, before 1,500 spectators. Murata, who had almost become an Olympic representative at 19, and turned pro to compile a 5-0 record with four kayos, found his opponent too defensive with tricky weaving and repeated clinching.

JBC officials tabbed the affair: referee Tezaki 50-45, and both judges Morita and Shimakawa 50-46 dually. The lopsided 120-pound loser, suffered the seventh defeat against 21 wins and three draws.

Kosei Anan, 118¾, met substitute, Uichiro Hayashida, in a junior featherweight bout. Anan, rated as No. 7 bantie, proved too fresh and strong for Hayashida, 119.

Heavyweights Toshihiko Nagaoka and Big Maruyama, neither of whom showed speed of hands or feet proved dull until Nagaoka managed to land a slow combo on the latter's face to flatten him in the fifth round. Nagaoka weighed 181 to Maruyama's 185¼. Their lack of action had the crowd booing.

Another Shinjin-o winner, flyweight combination puncher Bazooka (Odajima) Shoji, 112, with a 5-2 record, overwhelmed Yoshio Kimi, 111¼, with his persistent punches, dropping him with a one-two in the fifth canto and taking a unanimous decision in six.

▲WAKAYAMA—Dethroned champ Waruinge Nakayama, 32-year-old African who had held the national throne since wresting it from Japanese Shin'ichi Eto in 1975, engaged in a return against Yu Kasahara, hitherto unbeaten with 7 knockouts in 10 outings-Waruinge was knocked out again in 15 seconds of the ninth round this time.

▲TOKYO, KORAKUEN HALL—Two fight cards—one at night as well as in the daytime, with only one hour interval.

The main event was battled by ex-All Japan Shinjin-o (Novice king) victors, Tetsumasa Naga, 115, and Hiroyuki Kanda, 113¾ pounds. It was a drawn contest, but their all-out performances fully entertained some 1,000 spectators.

JBC officials tabbed as follows: referee Tezaki 47-46 for Kanda, judges Ichikawa and Morita 47-47 and 46-46, which meant a majority draw.

Having lost in the Eastern Shinjin-o final months ago, Takeshi Hakuga, busy boxer at 111¾, managed to connect with plenty of combos. To win a decision from Shigeo Maezawa, 112 pounds, in six. Hakuga, 7-1 with one kayo, scored a knockdown in the final canto to gain the triumph from ex-JBC ranker.

▲OSAKA—23-year-old Hiromi Nishida, JBC No. 8 junior lightweight and Apollo Yoshio's stablemate in Osaka's Shinwa Club, knocked out Hiro Inada in the eighth round of their scheduled tenner at Sakuranomiya Skate Rink.

▲TOKYO, KORAKUEN HALL—Lefty prospect Akio Kameda, 139½, made a successful pro debut, scoring a knockout against Chitose Yamaguchi, JBC No. 9 lightweight, whom Kameda battered all the way, finishing him in the fifth canto.

In a supporting eight, another new Shinjin-o victor Tsugio Tanaka, 140, was demolished by veteran puncher Tohru Sugawara, 138½, whose very long right had the former reeling onto the canvas for the count.

In a preliminary sixer, Kaname Sugiya, 136¾ and shorter by inches, kept boring in gamely to score with solid combinations, finishing Toshio Mori, 139¼, with three successive knockdowns in the opening canto.

Ryu Kaionji, 110¾, outscored Masahiro Yanagiya, ¾ of a pound lighter, in another six. Some 1,000 spectators were entertained to witness plenty of knockout results.

▲NAGOYA—In Kenji Daruma's retirement card, 29-year-old Daruma himself fought in the main event at Nagoya City Hall. Daruma, 114¾ and JBC No. 6 flyweight boxer, gained his last decision from local hope Yoshiharu Suga, 114¼, in 10 hot frames. Daruma, having compiled a 12-8-3 record with three by kayo, outsped and outmaneuvered Suga, 10-7-3 with five kayos including an upset decision from Shinjin-o victor Hiroyuki Kanda last year, to win a memorial triumph for him.

▲CHIGASAKI CITY—If there is a boxer who deserves to be called jabber, 29-year-old Masa Itoh, ex-national junior lightweight and lightweight leader must be the man. Itoh, 127¾, had nothing but a good jab with which he outmaneuvered Tadashi Akiyama, brutally hooking the 130 pound youngster, in 10 furious rounds. The reporter tabbed the fierce affair 48-47 for Itoh. JBC officials appeared to have evaluated Itoh's career of 30-14-4, scoring as follows; referee Yoshida 48-46, judges Uchida 49-47 and Nakamori 49-45 all in favor of the former titlist.

In a special attraction, world junior flyweight champ of WBA, Yoko Gushiken showed sparring sessions in three rounds, one with Shintaro Hirose and two with Masami Sekiyama, the latter of whom heavily hit the deck from Gushiken's vicious left.

▲YOKOHAMA—As the third victim in this year, Toshihiko Narita, 20 year-old flyweight, passed away due to brain injury, after he had been hospitalized immediately after kayoed in his pro debut of a Yum Dong-Kyun vs. Shuzo Yoshida card two days ago. JBA president Hitoshi Misako had the executive members meet immediately thereafter to discuss to make strict the degree to give willing amateurs professional licenses in cooperation with JBC.

▲SDOUL, KOREA—A most crowd-pleasing contest of the month in the Orient should have been a furiously speedy battle in 12 rounds between ex-world champions of Korea, Hong Soo-Hwan and Yum Dong-Kyun. (June 27) Some 4,500 customers gathered to witness the delux card to find taller Hong a little stronger than Ali stylist Yum in Seoul Cultural Gymnasium. Hong's speedy lefts outclassed the shorter puncher Yum in the first five rounds to pile up points steadily. Yum, who recently lost the WBC super bantam crown to Wilfredo Gomez via a kayo route, responded to the perrenial rival with wicked lefts in round six and seven. They traded all-out rallies to fight in even terms. However Hong showed his determination in the important battle, taking the 11th and 12th sessions with a revenging attack, which apparently carried a decision to him. The triumph upped Hong's record to 39 winds including 13 kayos against four defeats and three draws. The winner tipped the beam at 122 pounds, while Yum half a pound lighter.

▲RAJADAMNERN STADIUM—Thai junior flyweight champion Netruoi S. Verasing, 110 pounds, got off the canvas and took a mandatory eight count, but fought back gamely to score a knockout from Flor Escobido, Filipino champ in the same division, in the ninth round. The loser at 111 pounds also hit the deck in round three, barely braking the count midway through the contest.

▲TOKYO—Keen planner Hitoshi Misako, president of JBA (Japan Boxing Association), announced that the Champion Carnival should be held at Korakuen Hall on December 3 and 4, when all Japanese champions will defend their titles against topnotchers in respective classes. This enterprise will come true for celebrating the 25th anniversary since the establishemtn of the Japan Boxing Commission in 1947. Reportedly a purse of one million yen ($3,700) is to be provided to a champion and a challenger in any class, and their respective allotments is to be due to the mutual negotiation based on their experiences, popularities and international ranks as well.

▲SEOUL, KOREA—After Korea's Hong Soo-Hwan failed to face any challenger in the ordered interval by OBF to be stripped of his Orient bantamweight throne, an eliminator to decide a new champion took place there. National champ Kim Yung-Shik closedly defeated Roland Navarette of the Philippines in 12 heats to become new Orient titleholder in the 118 pound class. Now Korea boasts of its domination by keeping five Orient champions in the OBF fistic map.

▲BANKOK, THAILAND—Very recent results in Thailand have been reported due to the aid of its Commissioner, Mr. Panitchpakdi. (All the bouts were held in Bankok):

Thai flyweight champion Dan Pisalchai, 114, defeated Narongrith Sithsompong, Thailand Boxing Commission's No. 3 bantie at 119 pounds, by a unanimous decision in 10 frames at Rajadamnern Stadium.

TBC top flyweight contender Alibaba Lukklongton, 116, unanimously decisioned Matuphum Siththumrong, No. 3 guy at 115, in 10 frames in the same Stadium.

Top featherweight ranker Sumake Charchang, 128 pounds, scored a fifth round kayo from Chanakiar Kiatmuangyon, 127 pounds, at Lumpini Stadium.

Vechayun Senaphitak, No. three 126-pounder at 128, won from lighter guy Tinkajorn Dejkajorn, 126 and No. 3 super bantam fighter, in 10 rounds at Rajadamnern Stadium.

Junior welterweight top nothcers met at Lumpini Stadium, where Them Singthanongsakdi, rated next to the champion S. Pratip, suffered an upset knockout by Kiatsayarm Jokker, 143, and one pound heavier, in the fifth round at Rajadamnern Stadium.

In the same Stadium, Thai customers witnessed Hector Thompson, Australian junior welterweight ringster at 141 pounds, whipped national champ Jong Sathiragym, 141 also, in 10 good frames. In a companion tenner, Tongta Kiatvayapakdi, rated No. 7 in the junior welterweight class by WBA and weighing at 141, won a technical kayo from Korea's Chin Chung-Moon, 139, owing to the newcomer's severe cuts at both eyebrows in the fifth round.

Rajadamnern Stadium witnessed Kunphellek Sakornphitak, national junior featherweight champion, successfully kept his crown from Dorn Sornsakdisith by a unanimous nod in 10. Each scaled in at 121 pounds.

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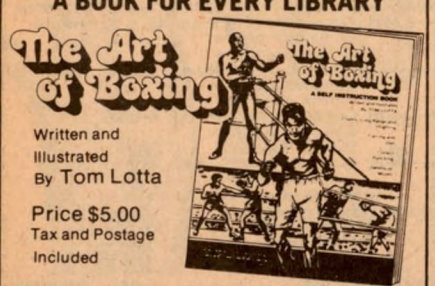

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stopped Ad Zapanta, 126, 5.

Eleaszor drew in five with Jose Villegas, flys; Jose Luis Lara, 125, lost a five round nod to David Barrera, 121½.

▲**SAN DIEGO**—Heavyweight Eddie Lopez, 214½, kayoed Dan Johnson, Los Angeles, 205, in the fifth round.

Herman Montes, 135, kayoed Ruben Martinez, 136¼, 2; Rene Silva, 130, stopped Spud Murphy, 125¼, 2, and Bert Lee, 144, was halted by Francisco Ortega, 144½, 4.

▲**FRESNO**—Russell Pope of the fighting Pope boys, 157, drew with Ted Sanders, 154, 6; Jeff Morgan, 163, beat Marvin Sanders, 159, in six.

VETERAN BOXERS' BEAT

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age, he borrowed his cousin's birth certificate. Fought some great fighters, such as Chester Rico, Maxie Shapiro, tangled with the super Tippy Larkin twice, three bouts with Cleo Shans, Lew Feldman, Sal Bartolo, Peter Galiano, Ricky Lemos, twice. Yes—Carmine was a busy fighter with a record of 93 bouts. He won 70, drew five, lost 18, seven of the lsosses by K.O., although he gave a few himself, having 28 knockout wins to his credit. Carmine is very happily married and resides in Newburgh, N.Y. He can be reached by writing to P.O. Box 2352.

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CENTRAL FLORIDA REPORT

By BRUCE TRAMPLER

▲**ORLANDO, FLA.**—Local hero Joey Vincent, 150, who always wanted a shot at a ranking fighter, got his wish and emerged victorious with a fourth-round TKO over Tony Gardner, 156, Memphis, The Ring's No. 4 U.S. junior middle.

Gardner could not answer the bell for round four, due to a very bad cut over his left eye. The Tennessee slugger claimed a "double butt and an elbow" were responsible for the damage, although the lusty hitting Vincent felt his non-stop combination punching did the trick.

Southern junior middleweight champ Edgar (Mad Dog) Ross, 153, Orlando, made his 10th straight title defense by halting Lee Thomas, 152, Memphis, in the third round.

Scotty (Golden Boy) Clark, 145, Orlando, took a controversial and loudly booed 10-round split decision from Kelvin (Spook) Jackson, 148, St. Augustine, in the third leg of the triple main event. Clark, just 18, raised his record to 21-1, while Jackson is now 7-2.

Lynn Crowder, 125, Chattanooga and Orlando, scored his second straight "KO 1" as a pro, belting out Bean Chavez, 122, Homestead, in 46 seconds. Taco Perez, 155, Sanford, won a unanimous five-round kick karate decision over Mike Jones, 151, Miami.

▲**TAMPA, FLA.**—Promoter Phil LoCicero and matchmaker Joe Brady had one of the biggest houses in a decade at Curtis Hixon Hall, a large turnout witnessing the grudge fight between Marion Lewis, 189, Tampa, and local favorite from Puerto Ricl, Joe (King) Roman, 192, which ended in a hectic 10-round draw.

Eddie Davis, 152, Tampa, outslugged city rival Tommy (Killer) Ellis, 156, for a unanimous six-round win over the Cigar City cop. Henry (Tiger) Hall, 154, Sarasota, stopped Ron Royer, 160, Clearwater, in the fourth.

▲**CLEVELAND, OHIO**—Three Orlando boxers flew north to box on promoter Joe Polo's show at the Front Row Theater.

Rising lightweight Frankie Santore, 137, Orlando, won his tenth fight without defeat this year by outpointing Luis (The Bull) Bega, 139, Reading, Pa., in the 10-round main event.

Scotty (Golden Boy) Clark, 144, Orlando, stopped Robert Lee Thomas, 147, Memphis, in three. James Salerno, 157, Orlando, outpointed Billy Rich, 159, Little Rock, in four.

▲**ORLANDO, FLA.**—Gaining sweet revenge at the Sports Stadium, Joey Vincent, 147, Orlando, won a unanimous 10-round decision over Kelvin (Spook) Jackson, 147, St. Augustine, to retain his state welterweight title.

Lightweight contender Termite Watkins, 138, Houston, stopped Ernesto Ortega, 137, San Juan, P.R., in seven rounds to improve his record to 32-2-1, with 19 KOs.

Slick Mitchell, 158, Brunswick, Ga., took a six-round duke from Eddie Davis, 154, Tampa. Debuting buzzsaw featherweight Lynn Crowder, 127, Chattanooga, halted Martin Ryals, 132, Homestead, in the first. Kenny Ryals, 156, Homestead, stopped Trevor Harvey, 151, Lakeland, in three.

▲**MIAMI BEACH**—Promoter Chris Dundee's CBS-TV card also featured several outstanding live bouts, not the least of which was a controversial eight-round split decision loss for Lou Esa, 241, Orlando, at the hands of veteran Roger Russell, 191, Philadelphia.

▲**TAMPA—AT CURTIS HIXON HALL,** Southern junior middleweight king Edgar (Mad Dog) Ross, 151, Orlando, pitched a near shutout in retaining his title on 10-round decision over gutsy Sammy Ruckard, 146, Spartanburg, S.C., for Southern Boxing Promotions.

No knockdowns, as for the second time in a year Ruckard took Ross the full distance. Sammy, the Candlelight Kid, as always performed very well, but just didn't have the strength or firepower to hold off Ross.

Slick Mitchell, 160, Brunswick, Ga., reversed a kayo loss by handing Frankie Suarez, 162, Tanpa, his first defeat in three starts via six-round split decision. Ed (Savage) Turner, 177, Orlando, survived a broken jaw in round five to outpoint Clarence Morris, 215, Tampa, unanimously in six.

Ron Royer, 160, Clearwater, outpointed Willie Chaney, 158, Tampa in four. And in a double disqualification, the referee halted the wild featherweight bout between localite Ralph Berrios, 122, and Pensacola's Willie Donahoo, 126, in the sixth round when both were kicking and wrestling and committing other fouls.

▲**ORLANDO, FLA.**—Frankie Santore, 136, Orlando, passed his toughest test by stopping veteran Doc McClendon, 140, Paterson, N.J., in the fourth round of their scheduled 10-round main event at the Sports Stadium for promoter Pete Ashlock.

McClendon had lost a split decision to Roberto Duran, beaten Alfredo Escalera, and lost decisions to two other world champs, Bruno Arcari and Esteban DeJesus.

Spook Jackson, 149, St. Augustine, dropped Joey Vincent, 150, Orlando, and won an eight-round decision over the state welter king in a non-title match.

James Salerno, 156, Orlando, celebrated his 16th birthday by outpointing veteran Leon Futch, 160, Brusnwick, Ga., in six. It was Salerno's 6th straight win as a pro.

Ossie (Jaws) Ocasio, 196, San Juan, P.R., the apple of manager Bill Daly's eye, won his ninth straight without a loss by halting tough Tommy Nickson, 205, Pensacola, in four. Debuting George Mastardini, 214, Chicago, handled by Ralph Paluso, stopped Harold Brown, 205, Lakeland, in the first.

COPELAND SCARED MONTILLA

By MARIO RIVERA MARTIN

Santo Domingo—Hard punching Johnny Copeland threw a scare into local Junior Welter Champ Miguel Montilla when he staggered him in the first round.

Montilla played it cool and kept out of range most of the round.

In the second round Montilla came out with fire in his eyes, eager to do away with his rival. Johnny had the same idea, but after a healthy exchange, the boy from Fort Worth was flattened by a left hook to the point of the jaw.

In his previous outing Montilla scored a sensational one round kayo over Mike Everett also here at the Palacio de los Deportes.

The semi-final bout saw bantam Juan Sierra score a split verdict over Manolin Jimenez. Jimenez with a five pound advantage looked like he was going to pull this one out of the bag in the eighth and last round, but his rally came too late.

Feather Ramon Santana also scored a split one over Ramoncito Cruz in six.

In another six, lightweight Pablo Barey scored a two round kayo over Ovidio Zapata.

In the opening four, bantam Julio Guerrero outpointed Pedro Vizcaino.

The Dominican Republic's welterweight champ, Fausto "Ceja" Rodriguez was killed along with his wife and son, Fausto Jr., in a two car accident during a rain storm.

Thousands of sports fans turned out to pay their final respects to the popular boxer who was seen as his country's best hope for a world title.

BROUGHTON AND GAUTIER DRAW

By FRED BISHOP

Halifax, N.S.—The opening show of the Halifax season was kicked off by veteran Gary Broughton, 158, Branford, Ont., who had his hands full with young Claude Gauthier, 161, Quebec City. The rangy Broughton threw bombs all night with Gauthier stepping inside and scoring well to the body and head, at the end of ten I saw Gauthier the winner by a shade but the official decision was a draw with both boys receiving a standing ovation.

In another shceduled 10, Sugar Ray Hammond, 150, New York was much too classy for D. C. Walker, 153, Connecticut and stopped him midway through the third with a left hook which he could have thrown in the first.

A third ten featured veteran Jimmy Henry, 149, Montreal and Don Boulter, 153, P.E.I. This was not much of a fight with both boys doing a lot of holding. Boulter was well ahead after eight but in the ninth and tenth Henry threw caution to the winds as he landed time and time again with looping lefts and rights that were hurting the local. The decision for Boulter was unanimous.

A six rounder and by far the best fight of the nite had Kevin Downey, 174, Halifax, stopping Leslie Johns, 181, Connecticut, wit just a few seconds to go in the sixth after the pair had put on a pier 6 brawl that will be talked about for a long time.

In a four round opener, Don Johnson, 144, Halifax looked very good in outpointing Balder Singh, 148, Dartmouth. Both boys were making their pro debut. Don Downey Sr. was promoting his first card and for Halifax a very slim crowd of only 405 turned out to this action packed show.

▲**NEW GLASGOW, N.S.**—Chris Clarke, 146, fast rising young welter of Halifax ran his pro record to eight straight as he stopped Ray Mercado, 144, New York, in eight of a scheduled ten. Clarke used damaging right hooks to the body to floor Mercado in the second for an eight count, but the visitor came back in the middle rounds and proved himself a good mixer as he shook Clarke up with sharp lefts and overhand rights. The undefeated local found the range in the eighth and Mercado withered under Clarke attack, a right to the jaw laid Mercado across the bottom rope as referee Herb McMullen called it off with one second left in the round.

In a eight round semi-final, Kelly Oickle, 156, Sydney, a brawler of the old school, had far to many guns for game Calvin Francis, 155, New York, and walked out with an unanimous decision in a good fight.

In six rounds, newcomer Don Johnson, 144, Halifax, surprised a lot of fight experts as he hung a first round kayo on young veteran Bobby Brake, 154, Fall River, N.S. Dennis Vint promoted for a crowd of about 1800.

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(Above) Female boxer Jackie Tonowanda, who calls herself the Female Ali and sports the phrase, "Float like a butterfly, Sting like Ali," poses with her idol, the world heavyweight champ.

Clarence "Champ" Snell was honored by the Lou Costello Sportsman Club as "Man of the Year recently. Snell, who now teaches boxing to Jr. boys, is seen (far left) today and (near left) as he looked in 1933 at 18 years of age, 147 pounds.

(Below) Eddie Plique, right, is honored for his sixty years in the fight game, mostly as an announcer and referee. Eddie's most famous outing as a referee was the Sugar Ray Robinson—Jake LaMotta bout. Al Allen makes the presentation.

Sportsman's Night was celebrated at the New York's Downtown Athletic Club, with awards made by the Retired Detectives of the City of New York John C. Mandel, President. The honorees, from left to right: Billy Graham, former welter star; Bill Gallo Daily News and Ring cartoonist; Frank Morris, Deputy Boxing Commissioner of the N.Y. Athletic Commission; John Condon, Madison Square Garden V.P. and publicist; George Daghar, D.A.C; Irving Abramson, D.A.C. and former boxing promoter at the Jamaica Arena; Sandy Saddler, ex-world featherweight king; Sam Taub, Ring magazine; Arthur Mercante, N.Y. State boxing referee; Roger Donaghue, former boxing pro; Bob Sacchi, so-author of Willie Pep's Friday Night Heroes; and Nat Loubet, Publisher and Editor of Ring magazine. Photo by Arthur Corr.

Doctor Novich, center rear, keeps an eye on a boxing class he conducts. Dr. Novich has an almost limitless list of credentials in sports medicine and amateur boxing, has always espoused the philosophy that boxing is a beneficial discipline for young people.

PUNCH LINES

(Continued from page 33)

lace will get equal space in your magazine as that given Chiaverini, it might steam up a fight between these two sluggers which I feel would be a hell of a battle.

Steve Liden
Phoenix, Ariz.

ANNOUNCER CAN MAKE OR BREAK A FIGHT

It is sickening to watch a skillful boxer at his best and have the announcer clearly prejudiced to the point of degrading his skill. It ruins boxing as much as an unworthy opponent fighting for a title fight. CBS televised two title fights—Victor Galindez vs. Richie Kates and Carlos Palomino vs. Dave Boy Green. Galindez was clearly the super boxer throughout the fight until he knocked out Kates. But the announcer, Jerry Quarry, made Galindez look bad throughout the title fight until Galindez knocked out Kates. Then, Quarry didn't have anything to say.

In the other title fight, Palomino fought a skillful bout but the announcer ruined it the entire fight. He made Palomino look like a jerk. Palomino, with his combinations and skill, finally knocked out Green. Even then, the announcer couldn't give Palomino credit for his superb boxing. Announcers are professional people and the public deserves better. Prejudice should be eliminated from announcing any kind of sport games. Why is it that the Latin athlete is always underrated? It was clearly obvious the announcers are prejudiced toward Palomino and Galindez.

E. Aguilar
Hanford, Ca.

SHARP READERS NAIL DOWN ERRORS

In a RING Magazine article (July) on Heavyweight Champions and the Knockdowns', two readers caught an error which stated George Foreman was knocked down only ONCE—by Ali in their Zaire fight.

Readers Mike Contreras of Yolo, Calif., and Angelo May of Triangle Va., caught the error and have both written that Foreman went to the canvas four times. Aside from Ali, Ron Lyle knocked Big George down twice in Las Vegas and Jimmy Young knocked him down once in their bout in San Juan, P.R.

So Sorry
The Editor

CRYSTAL BALL GAZER PREDICTS ALI'S DOWNFALL

By the time this letter is published, I think Muhammad Ali may very well have lost his title to Earnie Shavers, Ken Norton or Jimmy Young and if it happens, it will be only because Ali is 36 years old and over-the-hill. All the great heavyweight champions (Dempsey, Louis, Marciano, etc) either voluntarily retired from the ring or were retired in the ring before they were 35 years old.

Letters will flood boxing publications after Ali loses; fans writing they have known for the last 14 years that Ali was not really a great champion or the greatest of all time. They will use the loss to Shavers, Norton or Young as proof of it. Before anyone writes these letters, please remember Ali has never been as great a fighter since he came out of forced exile from the draft evasion in 1971 as he was in his first reign as champion in the years 1964-1967. Even though he probably fought his greatest fight on September 30, 1975, in his third fight against Joe Frazier, it would have been even greater if it had been in 1964 to 1967, his peak years.

Therefore, Shavers, Norton or Young don't have a lot to brag about if they beat a completely faded and washed-up fighter who was already beginning to fade when he lost to Frazier and Norton in 1971 and 1973 respectively.

Evangelista proved just about any fighter can beat Ali today because of the sad physical condition of his body due to old age. All the roadwork, sparring, the gym workouts and rope jumping in the world will not defeat old age.

In fact, reportedly wealthy Ali could have followed in the footsteps of Marciano and retired early to protect his record while he was still champion. Ali is too old to have any chance of ever beating Shavers, Young or Norton again but he also realizes that the public would never accept any one of them as the true champion, the same as it never really accepted Ezzard Charles or Floyd Patterson because they did not beat the reigning champion in the ring or until he was old and came out of retirement.

Therefore, a washed-up Ali (who is smart enough to hold a political office but too smart to want it) is willing to tarnish or maybe ruin his established reputation as the greatest heavyweight champion ever in order that Boxing Will Survive.

If Shavers is eliminated by Ali, (and that is a big if) I think Young would make a better so-called champion than Norton. At least Young will not duck any contenders and can fight all styles of fighters. Norton does not seem to want any part of Shavers and could not defeat George Foreman before Foreman's confidence was psychologically destroyed (by Ali, of course).

When our grandchildren 25 years from now read in the boxing record books that Ali lost to Norton, Young or Shavers, they are not going to realize that the only reason Ali lost was because old age had taken away all of his boxing skills that made him the greatest boxer of all time. Many people today also do not realize that Joe Louis lost to Ezzard Charles and Rocky Marciano only because of the same reason.

Joseph Reynolds
Newport News, Virginia

BOUCHARD-MARCOTTE STAGE A THRILLER

By FRANK ALLNUTT

MONTREAL—Promoter Regis Levesque attracted close to 6,000 fans for the return bout between Gerald Bouchard and Fernand Marcotte Jr. both local, who were fighting for the Canadian middleweight title.

The two met two months previously with Bouchard winning the championship on a split decision.

This time the fans were treated to almost a re-run of their first bout with the one difference being that the split decision went to Marcotte this time. At the weigh-in Marcotte scaled 157, one pound heavier than Bouchard.

The opening three rounds were fought at a brisk pace with Marcotte moving and boxing well, he avoided trading punches with Bouchard who thrives on the heavy going. Marcotte was nicked under the eye in the second round and the blood started to flow. Bouchard started to warm up in the fourth round which was fought on even terms and the aggressiveness of the champion won him the fifth and sixth rounds.

Bouchard opened up a second cut on Marcotte in the fourth but good work by the cornermen kept the cuts under control. Marcotte rocked Bouchard several times in the eighth. The rugged Bouchard took the next round when he stayed in close and scored well with hard hooks to the body and head. In round eleven, Marcotte, staging an all-out attack, rocked his opponent throughout the round with left hooks and short right hand blows at the bell. The round was a big one for the former champion.

The final round had Marcotte keeping Bouchard at bay with left hand jabbing.

The split decision handed down by the officials saw it 57-53, 55-54 for Marcotte with the other card reading 56-54 for Bouchard. Bouchard, who lost his title in a whale of a fight, now has a record of 40-26-12-2, it was his first loss in his last fifteen starts.

In the semi-final middleweight ten, Jean Claude Leclaire (Montreal) 160, improved his top rating in the division when he stopped Joe Henry (Toronto) 162, in the seventh round. Henry was decked in the fourth and seventh rounds before he was halted.

In six round bouts Alain Turenne (Montreal) 149½, won a unanimous decision over Fred Lagace (Chicoutimi) 148; Roy Johnson (Montreal) 149, and Cecil King (Toronto) 157, ended in a draw; in a lightweight bout, Cleveland Denny (Montreal) 132½ won a unanimous decision over Michel Rouleau (Montreal) 141.

▲TORONTO—Latest official ratings received from the Commonwealth Boxing Championships rate Canadian boxers Gary Summerhays (Brantford) Canadian light heavyweight champion in third spot. Jean Claude Leclair (Montreal) is rated fourth in the middleweight division. Clyde Gray (Toronto) holds the Commonwealth welterweight championship and Guerro Chavez (Montreal) who took the Canadian title from Gray holds down fourth spot.

▲THOMPSON, MAN—In a ten round lightweight bout before 700 fans in this remote mining town, Al Ford (Edmonton) won a unanimous decision over Octavio Anparon (Mexico); Isaac Vega (Puerto Rico) won an eight round decision over Bob Bath (Winnipeg); Clyde Mugette (Indianapolis) kayoed Joe Butcher (Chicago) in the third of a light heavyweight go; Bobby Perez (Puerto Rico), stopped Ron Hendrickson (Winnipeg), in the second round; Dave Donohue (Winnipeg) stopped Pronce Ortiz (Orlando) in two.

▲HALIFAX—Before 500 fans at the Halifax Forum, Gary Broughton (Brantford), 158½, and Claude Gauthier (Quebec), 161¼, fought to a 10-round draw in a good action packed bout. Also over ten Sugar Ray Hammond (New York) 152¾, kayoed D.C. Walker (Hartford), 150½, in the third round; Don Boulter (P.E.I.), 156¼, and Jim Henry 154½ ended up even after ten rounds; in a scheduled six at the light heavyweight limit Kevin Downey (Halifax) 174¼, stopped Leslie Johns (Hartford), 180½, in the final round of a real donnybrook; Don Johnson (Halifax), 144½, won a decision over Baldev Singh (Halifax), 144, in four rounds.

▲New Glasgow—Chris Clarke (Halifax), unbeaten since turning pro halted Ray Mercado, 144, at 2:59 of the eighth round of their scheduled ten round bout. Clarke scaled in at 148. Over eight rounds, Kelly Oickle (157½) won a unanimous decision over Calvin Francis, 159¼, Don Johnson 154, unloaded a bomb on Bob Brake, 155, to win by a kayo at 1:57 of the initial round.

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HEAIR DISPOSED OF FOE IN 4 HEATS

By JOEL LIPSITT

Holiday Inn, Rivermont, Memphis, Tenn.,—Seriously intent on getting himself back in the top ratings again, one time top lightweight contender Jimmy Heair, 141, Houston, Miss., took a step in the right direction before 1,800 as he had a relatively easy time in disposing of a game but inexperienced youngster, Cheleme Hernandez, 139, San Antonio, Tex., at 2:30 of the 4th heat in the 10 round main event. In the opening canto, Heair immediately established the tempo of action, becoming the aggressor and tearing into his opponent with snappy jabs, quickly followed by short crispy left hooks which had Hernandez retreating and trying unsuccessfully to counter. In the 2nd round, Hernandez began to find the mark with a left hook to the liver, however, Heair shrugged off these wicked shots and continued to box nicely, throwing beautiful combinations which once again had Hernandez in retreat. In the 3rd stanza, Heair stung Cheleme on the left eye with a solid right causing him to wince in pain and turn to the ropes whereby referee Gilberto Martinez stopped momentarily to check the damage. Once established that it was only badly bruised, he motioned both gladiators to continue, and Heair, picked up the pace to decisively win the round. In the fatal 4th round, Hernandez was initially floored by heavy body blows for an 8 count and then finally dropped in a neutral corner for the final count with a series of well placed body shots.

In the most exciting brawl of the evening, in the 8 round semi-windup, visitor Juan Navalette, 134, San Antonio, Tex., a short 5' 2" Mexican miniture Rocky Marciano, surprised the local gathering, by giving local Memphian favorite Eddie "The Flea" Freeman, 125, all he could handle before succumbering to a TKO defeat at 2:45 of 6th stanza. Freeman simply could not execute his pre-fight strategy as this little dynamo from Texas came to wage a war and he did just that. From the opening bell, Navalette threw punches from all unorthodox angles tagging the surprised Freeman quite frequently causing him considerable distress. Not to be denied, Freeman turned from boxer to puncher and began dishing it out himself. At times when Juan seemed about to cave in and call it a night, he summoned reserve strength and was punching back with authority at the end of each session while the fans screamed in delight.

Finally in the 5th canto, the Mexican blockbuster had spent his precious benzene and just before the end of the round, 3 crisp sharp rights to the body dropped him flat on his back under the lower ring strand. No one thought he would arise but he jumped up just at the count of 9 to finish out the round in a brawling fashion to the amazement of all including Freeman.

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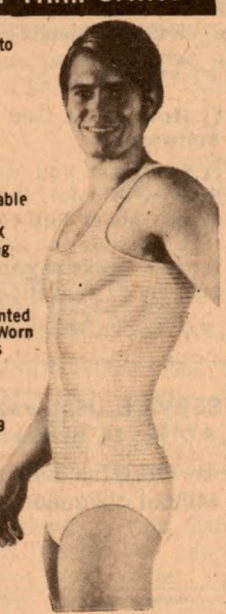

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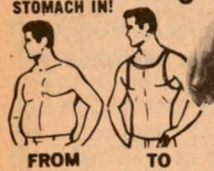

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In the 6th round, Freeman didn't let Navalette escape, as he poured it on trapping him in a neutral corner and flooring him with a volley of punches to the head and body. Navalette was up again at the count of 9 as he brought the fans to their feet, wanting to continue, but referee Martinez wisely called a halt to an exciting scrap.

Unfortunately, in a 6 rounder, likeable local Memphian favorite, Phil Reed, 150, was matched with a fighter by the name of Jimmy Cook, 155, Memphis, who spent most of the evening parting his long unkept hair, while being on the receiving end of all of Reed's punches. Cook reminded me of the Red's All Star catcher Johnny Bench as he didn't miss any of Reed's blows, catching all. Reed coped a unanimous lackluster decision by simply toying with Cook and hitting him at will. I must admit however that later in the dressing room it was learned that Cook suffered a minor fracture in his right hand. At the end, Reed took the PA system and issued a challenge to Memphis' favorite fighter Tony "The Bombshell" Gardner who was recently TKO'd in 59 seconds of the 1st round by Phoenix middleweight Edgar Wallace.

In a bristling 4 round clash, lanky Robert Lee Thomas, 150, Memphis, won a split decision over rough tough Roger "Hurricane" Wells, 152, Pots Camp, Miss.

The opening 4 rounder produced one of the most bloodiest carnages I've seen in sometime. Heavyweight Don Martin, 205, Memphis, annihilated sorrowful Lee Cook, 220, Memphis, on a TKO in 2:35 of the 1st session. Cook absorbed a tremendous pasting and midway through the round a terrific overhand right split his nose splattering blood not only over Martin but on this writer too. Seconds later a solid left hook flush on the chin deposited Cook for a 9 count. He barely managed to beat the count when he ran into a furious barrage of punches inflicting still more damage to his nose, and finally dropping him to his knees. The crowd was now on their feet screaming for the massacre to be stopped. At this point the referee obliged but in the opinion of most a little too late. Later a physician attended to Cook in the dressing room for a badly lacerated nose.

VETERANS REVIVAL AT VIRGINIA BEACH

By JACKIE LEVINSON

Richmond heavyweight Donald Spellman failed to knock out Charles (Emperor) Harris as he announced, but he did punch his way to an unanimous decision over the veteran from Hyattsville, Md. in the main event at the Virginia Beach Dome.

Before the start of the fifth round, Spellman turned to the crowd of 730 paid, and said he would knock out Harris in that round. He hit him with everything he had, but Harris wouldn't go down. In the 5th round however, Spellman did floor Harris, who has been boxing 10 years and has been knocked out many times, with a right. Harris whose claim to fame was he was once kayoed by Ken Norton. Winning his 2nd straight fight as a pro. Spellman weighed 198 pounds, Harris weighed 215.

PRO BOXING RETURNS TO SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY

By LEO De La ROSA

Professional boxing returned to the Shreveport-Bossier City, Louisiana area after a lengthy absence, and what a return! Rossier City Attorney Roland McKneely, a newcomer to the fight scene, put together five action packed fights that lasted a total of twenty-eight rounds, instead of the scheduled forty.

Ft. Worth's heavy fisted heavyweight Nick Wells, momentarily derailed by the more experienced Mike Karnicki, got back on the right track by blasting Bastrop, Louisiana's Charles Atlas all the way to Luckenbach in the main event. Entering this fight with a 4-1 record against, again, a more experienced foe, 35-9, Wells took the fight to Atlas right away. He caught up with the Bastrop skateboard early in the third and dropped the hammer on him with a pulverizing right hook that didn't travel over six or eight inches. The instant the punch landed, this writer, looking right at it, knew it all over but the shouting.

In the semi-final, middleweight Joe Barrientes, one of three fighting Barrientes, (Rudy, Roy and Joe) returned after being away from the ring for about twelve years. He was a bit sluggish, yet exhibited his ring experience and punching power. His opponent was the younger brother of Charles Atlas, Emmitt Atlas. And like his brother, he didn't make it past the third round.

Joe trained two months for this one and trimmed down to 156 from 195.

In the best bout of the night, Ed Modique of West Monroe, Louisiana, went against Andre Love of Houston, Texas, in a battle of welterweights. This one could have been held in a broom closet. Love, unlike his name, came to fight, unloading some devasting left hooks, mixing it up with some potent right crosses and upper cuts. Modique started out slow, but before it was over, he resembled a runaway freight train.

In the eighth and final frame, both fighters met at mid-ring and that's where it ended! Both gladiators received a standing ovation from the crowd. A unanimous decision went to Ed Modique, who is now 12-1. Although the decision went to the right guy, several of the crowd, along with this writer, felt it was closer than that.

In a spirited six-rounder, at 130 pounds, local hometown favorite, Steve Dement, older brother of 1972 Olympic flyweight Timmy Dement, took the measure of Houston's Terry Strapnell to remain undefeated. In between landing several rib-crunching rights to the body, and struggling with Strapnell's octopus-like tactics, Steve found time to wink and smile at several of his friends in the crowd.

Minter Whips Griffith With Ease

By ARTHUR REMBERT

MONTE CARLO—British and European middleweight champion Alan Minter engaged in his final tune-up before defending his European laurels against Gratien Tonna by giving American Emile Griffith a thorough whipping. In an illustrious career that spands two decades and 112 bouts, Griffith has whipped his share of southpaws, but the 39-year-old ex-champion simply could do nothing with this 26-year-old lefty.

Scoring with his right jab at will, Minter kept Griffith from being able to get inside and use his well respected body attack. This, as it turned out, wound up being Minter's strategic force throughout the entire bout. There were times in the bout when the clever ex-champion called on his experience to make Minter look amateurish at best as he missed with lunging lefts and rights. These moments were short lived, however, as Minter went back to his jab and soon had Emile using his best defense just to hang on.

The fifth round saw Minter turn Griffith's legs to spaghetti with a jolting left coming off his right jab. Although Griffith didn't go down, referee Kurt Halbach administered a standing eight count. At this point Minter opened up with both hands, and a short left handed chop sent Emile to the canvas. Although he was up immediately, referee Halbach once again gave him the mandatory eight count.

Sensing that he could end it right then and there, Minter threw caution to the wind and started punching with reckless abandon. This almost proved to be his undoing, because although he indeed had Griffith on the go, his wild swinging left chinks in his armor that the always thinking former champion was looking for. Griffith slipped a wild roundhouse left and countered with a short right that stopped Minter in his tracks. The round was too far gone for the aging ex-champion to do much more than be aggressive.

Between rounds Minter's manager Doug Bidwell reminded his charge that he was fighting a five time ex-champion who was still very dangerous. He advised Minter to go back to the jab, which he did. From the sixth round on Griffith showed flashes of aggressiveness here and there, but Minter was in complete command to win the bout.

Minter's manager was absolutely correct when he stated that Griffith is always dangerous, but at 39, Emile's best days are behind him. The ex-champ has contributed too much to the game to become a trial horse, yet this appears to be all that is left. This reporter feels that it's indeed time for a once great champion to lock up shop.

No doubt, Henry "Wolf" Roy must have been licking his chops as he looked across the ring and observed his adversary's height and roundly proportioned body, who fought under the name of Jamie Phills. Phills, a Shreveport heavyweight and two heads shorter, looked like he belonged anywhere else but in the ring with the "Wolfman."

But once the bell rang for the start of this four round encounter, Phills proved his point. Looks are deceiving! Shreveport's version of "Two-Ton Tony Galento," took the fight to the "Wolfman," staggering him time and again and had Henry Ray hanging on at the end of the Fourth. A unanimous decision went to Jamie Phills.

The opening four rounder found Ft. Worth's Robert Tijerina going against Ezzard Charles (no relation to the former champ) of Houston.

Robert went the distance on pure guts alone, and it was the Houston puncher's fight all the way.

▲While things were looking good for the majority of the Louisiana fighters Freddie "the Stepper" Harris, city welter ventured to Memphis for a return go with Timmy Heair, of Louisiana. Having taken their first encounter, Freddie lost a 10-round decision this time out. The Bossier city fighter is now 16-7.

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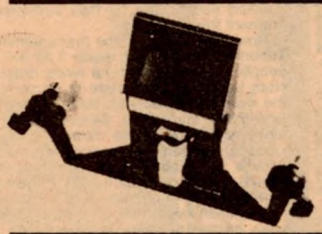

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PHILADELPHIA ACTION

By NIGEL COLLINS

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Outspoken local junior lightweight Jerome Artis boxed his way to an easy 10-round decision over Trenton rival, William "Red" Berry before a crowd of 5,449 at the Spectrum.

Artis controlled the tempo of the tame about and tricked Berry into fighting his kind of fight.

Artis, 128, moved in and out, landing quick combinations to the head and body. There were few sustained exchanges.

Berry, 125, hit the deck after a flurry of body punches in the fifth.

Artis, who is now 16-1-4, continues his march towards a shot at the world title.

The best fight of the night was a bloody 10-round draw between locals Mike "Youngblood" Williams and vet Alfonso Hayman.

Williams, 155, was getting the better of a fast opening round when after a clash of heads, suffered a deep gash on his forehead near the hairline.

Hayman, 154, seized the opportunity and crashed several punches to the injury before the round ended.

The ringside medic inspected Youngblood's cut between every round but permitted the bout to continue. The wound was not in a dangerous place but the blood was running directly into his left eye and hampering Mike's vision.

Hayman worked his way into close range in the eighth and ninth rounds and further busted-up Williams' face with ripping uppercuts and left jabs.

Both Hayman and Williams went all out in the last round and the draw verdict pleased everyone except the fighters and their camps. Spectrum matchmaker J. Russell Peltz promised a rematch after as the cuts heal.

Unbeaten Youngblood is 13-0-1. Hayman, who is 17-9-4.

Broomal, Pa. slugger, Augie Pantellas, continued his comeback with a 10-round decision over Roberto Quintanella, of Houston. Pantellas, 129½, scored a knockdown in the first round and went on to batter Quintanilla, 130. Augie broke his right hand in the opening frame and will be out of action for awhile.

Local "Skinny" Jimmy Rothwell, 143, got a rough workout from New Yorker Ronald "Bo" Whyms, 143, on his way to an 8-round decision. Whyms landed several hard shots but Rothwell was the better technician and scored more frequently.

In other prelims, Vic Pappas, 137½, KO'd Jose Ortiz, of N.Y.C., in one and Mick Diflo, 137, stopped Joe Turner, 135, of Phila., in two. Both winners billed from Upper Darby.

▲THE ARENA—Locals Mike Everett and Matthew Franklin emerged winners in a twin bill held in the honor of Mike's slain brother, Tyrone, a former top ranked junior lightweight. The proceeds of the card went to establish a scholarship fund in Tyrone's name for a graduate of the Bok Vocational High School where both Tyrone and Mike attended.

Everett, coming off back-to-back losses out of town, was hard-pressed to take a close 10-round nod over rugged Rocky Ramon in their junior welterweight match.

Light heavyweight Matthew Franklin scored a 6th round TKO over Florida club-fighter, Ed "Savage" Turner. The latter was not in Franklin's class. Matt floored Ed in the fifth and was belting him at will in the next round when the ref came to Turner's rescue.

In a junior lightweight 8-rounder, Atlantic City's Ernie Bing scored an unpopular points win over Gerald Hayes, of Newark, N.J. There was little to choose between the pair and the RING scored it a draw.

Lefty Dan Snyder took a drab sixer over Clayton Ambrose in a middleweight bout; unbeaten heavy Mike Montgomery made one of his rare ring appearances and scored a first-round KO over Charlie Harris. Montgomery is Ron Aurit survived an eye cut to beat Larry Huffin in an entertaining lightweight four-rounder; rounding out the lenghty show as a four-round decision win by James Washington over Ray Hall, and a second-round kayo by William "Caveman" Lee over Ray Bryant. Both Washington and Lee could be stars of the future.

▲WAGNER BALLROOM—Philadelphia middleweight Willie "The Worm" Monroe outpointed tough Larry "Tumbler" Davis in a one-sided but bruising 10-rounder. Monroe, making his first start since being stopped by Marvin Hagler in Boston, won all but one or two rounds. Davis took the fight on short notice and gave a good account of himself. Both boxers came in at 161. Monroe suffered a slight cut over his right eye from a clash of heads.

Local bantam prospect Jeff Chandler, 116, looked off-form in winning a six spot over Johnny Glover of Trenton. Glover, 123, had Chandler on the canvas in the third when he landed a sharp right but Jeff finished fast to nip his rival down the stretch.

Philly's Jerry Graham, 136, was lucky to get the decision over Quentin Blackman, 138, in another six. Blackman floored Graham in the fourth with a good left-hook to the body and deserved at least a draw.

Jasper Brisbane, 172, destroyed Al Yasbeck with a first-round knockout. Yasbeck, 174, came out punching but was quickly dumped twice until the ringside doctor halted the bout at 59 seconds of the opening round.

In other bouts, Frank Fletcher, 162, TKO'd Jodie White, 164, in four; John Carter, 119, edged Wayne King, 128, four rounds.

▲PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Underated local light heavyweight Matthew Franklin, 175, knocked out previously unbeaten Marvin Johnson, 175, of Indianapolis, in the twelfth and final round of a truly great fight at the Spectrum.

Johnson, fresh from his nationally televised knockout over Tom Bethea, started with a rush and tried to take Franklin out in the opening round. The cool Philadelphian soaked up some hard shots but was not seriously hurt.

Referee Ozzie Sadler did not even bother to count over the prostrate loser, in round 12, he merely raised Franklin's hand in victory. Before he could acknowledge the cheers of the fans, Matthew swooned and had to be helped to a stool. It was several minutes before either bxer was able to walk around the ring unassisted.

It was a grand fight and both men should be proud of their strength and courage.

Philadelphia's veteran middleweight contender Bennie Briscoe, 161, returned to the ring less than two months after an emergency appendectomy and scored an eighth-round TKO over Sammy "Kid" Barr, of Nassau.

All in all the match was just what the doctor ordered for Birscoe, a good workout at the expense of a light-hitting opponent.

In another ten-spot popular Californian Marty Monroe, 203, punched his way to a unanimous decision over rugged local Joe Gholston.

Monroe decked Gholston, 197, with a pretty left-hook in the fourth but Joe beat the count and came back to land some nice punches of his own late in the fight.

Middleweight slugger Karl Vinson, 160½, now living and fighting out of Philadelphia, had an easy time with old timer Tani Santiago, 165, of New York City.

In other prelims: Mike Koranicki, 204, TKO'd Dave Wilson, 204½, of Waterbury, Conn., in four, while Tony Tassone, 160, decisioned Carlos Prigg, 164, in six.

Upper Darby's Mike Piccioti opened the excellent show with a four-round nod over Donald Lerry. Welters.

▲WAGNER BALLROOM—Atlantic City's Tyrone Demby topped an action-packed card with a one-punch knockout over Norman Farell, of Germantown.

Demby, 148, nailed Farell, 149, with a hard right that landed in back of the ear and sent Norman down for the full-count in just 37 seconds of the opening round.

Ernie Singletary, 162½, of North Phila., won his eleventh straight as a pro with a second-round TKO over brave Dave Dittmar, 169, also from Philly. Dave tried to put up a fight but was severely battered when ref Hank Cisco wisely called a halt at 2:55.

Ruben Lopez, 152½, excited the crowd with a second-round TKO over James Phoenix, 151. Ruben is the only Puerto Rican prospect in town and could develop into a fine draw with the proper handling.

Wade Hinnant, 141½, finished off William "Pee Wee" Murphy, 141, also in two. Both lads from Philly.

In the only bout to go the distance, Michale Frazier, 129, avenged an earlier loss by outpointing Billy "The Kid" Able, 132, over eight.

KIRKMAN HALTS RON STANDER IN 7

By KELLY NICHOLSON

Seattle, Wash.—Veteran heavyweight Boone Kirkman made it two in a row on the comeback trail with a punishing seventh round stoppage of Omaha's Ron Stander, 232, before 4,056 supportive fans at the Seattle Center Arena. The victory increased Boone's chances of a mid-Autumn bout with one of several world-ranked contenders in his division.

Seattle's popular Willie 'Bumblebee' Ray, 135, decisioned taller Fred Webster of Chicago in the four-round opener. A local busdriver, irrepressible Willie had reportedly sold more than 400 tickets to his riders in weeks preceding the fight.

A scheduled four-round exhibition of lightheavyweights was cut short after the first session when Seattle's Mike Quarry, 186, suffered a cut over his right eye which prevented further mixing with Dale Grant. Currently 16-3-1, Tacoma's Dale is unquestionably one of the finest prospects in the Pacific Northwest.

Local favorite Tommy Howard scored a terrific stoppage of Memphis veteran Tony Gardner, 163½, with a two-fisted first round attack. At 163, Howard rocked the visiting fighter with lefts and rights before felling him once with a corking right to the chin. Whaling with both hands, Tommy again found the mark with a searing right to the body which finished matters at the half-way mark of the frame. Gardner later provided a touch of class before the evening's finale, when he graciously thanked Seattle fans for their audience and announced his retirement from the ring.

Now fighting under the management of Global Productions, Tacoma's Ray Seales made it 38-4-1 and scored a sixth consecutive triumph when he twice dropped former amateur rival Nate Lenor, 155, *en route* to an early knockout win. Studying the casual Indianapolis boxer with occasional range-marking jabs in the first round, Seales erased his opponent's nonchalance with a relentless close-quarters assault in the second. Lenor arose from one knockdown before being returned to the canvas by a blasting left which spelled his end at 2:41 of round two. A 6'1" southpaw, former Olympian Sugar Ray is due for the re-entry into more serious competition.

The main event was a shrewd pairing of two warhorses who were certain to stage a donnybrook for the duration of their scheduled "10 rounds or less." Tribute was paid beforehand to the conspicuous similarity of each fighter's circumstance to that of the classic Stallone-character "Rocky," as the piped introduction of Conti's theme successively accompanied each battler in his spotlight journey to the ring. It was a fitting climax to the evening's five-bout program, as ruggedly proportioned Boone, 212½, was sometimes forced to retreat from the unfazed advance of his rotund and free-swinging adversary from the Midwest. Kirkman's ringing counters started to take their toll in the fifth, as Stander began to miss widely with his hooks and showed the facial effects of Boone's occasional right-left volleys to the head. A wicked right hand jarred the Nebraskan in round 6, and another threatened to separate him from his senses. A vigorous Kirkman left slashed his worsening right eye and finally prompted a halt by Dr. Alex Grinstein with seconds remaining in the seventh. Ref was Pat McMurtry.

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MOYER, ARLT BROTHERS WIN

By KELLY NICHOLSON

Longview, Wash.—Lower Columbia College was the site of a five-bout card which featured the considerable talent of Milt Guptill's recently-organized troupe of former amateur stars and Golden Gloves champions. Kelso's Steve Chase, 146, fought a 6-round draw with Missoula's 19-year old Dick Fisher in a well-paired main event.

Inigo Luchessi's four-round opener saw middleweight Steve Moyer twice drop Gregg Adams, 162, en route to a unanimous decision win. It was Moyer's first outing as a pro.

Portland's Ken Arlt, 210, barreled his way through four rounds to a decision victory over Fritz Kranz of Missoula. Kranz, 200, was knocked through the ropes by a pair of sweeping rights in the third; Arlt stands 2-0.

Rugged, hard-mixing Doug Arlt chalked the winning side of his pro ledger with a non-stop pounding of Gary Keenan, 182, of Renton. Nearing exhaustion under the relentless pursuit of his smaller foe, Keenan took a pasting in the third and fourth rounds which forced a halt prior to the bell sounding the fifth. A solid 175, brother Doug had previously dropped a pair of six-round decisions to the more experienced James Williams of Portland.

Gresham's Allan Webb, 150, made it four in a row for the new stable with a blasting stoppage of 152-lb. Paddy Wilson of Portland. A walloping right decked Wilson at the mid-way mark of round 1, with a pursuant left hook and right hand the finisher. It was an auspicious debut for Webb, 26, whose mature entrance into professional ranks is characteristic of the Guptill management.

The main event was strongly contested between fast and nimble Fisher, 147, and native son Chase, who traded before a packed gymnasium house which thundered its approval when the impartial verdict was announced.

SOUTH AFRICAN RING NEWS

By ED CLARK

CAPE TOWN. Freddie Rust, holder of the featherweight title gave away weight and won an 8 round decision over Manuel de Paiva at the Drill Hall. Rust had his jaw broken in the sixth round when de Paiva caught him with a hard right and Rust dropped to the canvas with a thud. Rust weathered the storm in the seventh but came back to drop de Paiva in the last round with a blow to the ear. Rust had also decked his opponent in the opening stanza. Two days after the bout Rust discovered his jaw was broken.

Coenie Bekker hammered Neil Lang for 6 rounds, middleweights; Reggie Peters stopped Micky Jacoby, 2, featherweights; Bobby Neill was ruled out in the fourth round against Cliff Manual, light-heavyweights; Manny de Jesus decisioned Henk van der Heever, 4, junior-welters; Hennie Meyer T.K.O.'d Gielie Truter, 3, lightweights; Billy Jooste outscored Maxie Jonkers, 4, junior middleweights.

▲DURBAN—Doug Lumley, with just 10 fights behind him staged a late rally to cause an upset as he won the supreme S. African middleweight title by defeating highly ranked Elijah "Tap Tap" Makhathini over 12 rounds at the West Ridge Park Tennis Stadium before a crowd of 9,500. Makhathini who should have started attacking Lumley in the early rounds as Lumley is a slow starter made the mistake of allowing the 10 years younger man take the play from him and Lumley had much in reserve for the latter rounds. Makhathini scored the only knockdown in the fight, a left to the head but Lumley got up held on and then carried the fight to Makhathini.

Lumley's speed and fitness more than made up for his lack of experience against "Tap Tap's" 45 fights. Lumley's fast hands saw him get through with right jabs—they are both southpaws—and left hooks but Makhathini adopted a crouching stance and made him a difficult opponent. Makhathini a possessor of a deadly left hook could do no damage as Lumley was always well aware of the blow.

"Tap Tap" began to tire from the eighth and both fighters were guilty of holding and spoiling tactics. Lumley took hard punches well and without flinching and gained ascendancy from the tenth round and in the eleventh round two solid left hooks landed flush on Makhathini's jaw. The last round surprised Makhathini as Lumley came out strong giving his opponent no chance to settle down. Makhathini spent much time on the ropes and looked in danger of being stopped.

Gert Steyn, the supreme junior middleweight champion scored a convincing victory as he turned on the pressure to stop Juarez De Lima of Brazil in the ninth round. The visitor was cagey and clever but offered little opposition and in the ninth Steyn caught De Lima with a left and right hook and De Lima was sent to the canvas. The towel was thrown in and the referee awarded the fight to Steyn on a T.K.O.

Andries Steyn former S. African champion returning to the ring stopped fancy boxer Anthony "Blue Jaguar" Morodi in the second round of a scheduled eight rounder. The match was made at 137 pounds and in the opening round Morodi used two left hooks to the head but Steyn boxed his way out of trouble and in the second Steyn caught Morodi with a left and right combination and Morodi went down. He arose shakily to face another attack and took a count again but as he got to his feet the towel came in.

Charlie Weir, highly touted ex-amateur made a sensational debut in K.O.'ing Zacharia Thabethe in 2:45 of 1. Weir switched his attack from the head to the body and as Thabethe threw up his hands after being hit hard in the stomach Weir hit him with a flurry of blows and it was over.

Mark Melville outboxed David Mhlonga, 4, light-heavyweights; Able Brown and Wentzel Marais ended even, 4, junior middleweights. Doug Dolan promotd the tournament and the fans got their money's worth.

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